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'Disillusioned' Tory councillor defects to Green party

by Trevor Bevins

A CONSERVATIVE borough councillor has defected to the Green Party saying she is disillusioned with the Tories who she claims are ignoring local public opinion.

Claudia Moore's decision to join the small Green group on Weymouth and Portland Borough Council was announced on Monday.

In a statement from Caz Dennett, Campaign Coordinator, West &

South Dorset Green Party she said: "I feel much more closely aligned with the Greens on important issues and share their core values. I have been increasingly impressed with the hard work of the local Green Party, the determination of Councillors Clare Sutton and Jon Orrell, the dedication of their community litter picking team and their continuous campaigning for residents, especially tackling serious issues like air pollution.

"Whilst my decision has been influenced largely by positive mo-

tivations I have become gradually more concerned by Conservative Party policies and decisions.

"On a local level this includes the lack of support for Castle Cove Beach access, the planning decision for ASDA petrol station and the disregard for local residents' opinions on the North Quay development site.

"I cannot remain in a political party that upholds our unfair and outdated voting system or inflicts terrible cuts to disability benefits."

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Claudia Moore has defected to the Green Party

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DAN White is 27 years old and grew up in Bridport, where he attended the Sir John Colfox Academy.
He works full-time for Dorset Police as a Police Community Support Officer and has been a Community First Responder for four years.
Dan is one of three of the community responders for Bridport and was encouraged to take up the role as he has always enjoyed helping people.

● TELL us a bit about Community First Responders (CFR)...

Every day CFRs from across the South West attend emergencies within their local communities. They are volunteers who support their local community by attending emergency calls ahead of an ambulance.

Their role can vary from simply providing a reassuring presence prior to the arrival of an ambulance, to saving the life of a patient. CFRs attend certain types of medical emergencies predominantly where it is essential for the patient to receive immediate life-saving care, like in the case of a cardiac arrest for example.

Bridport currently has three members, with one other covering Chideock. The Bridport CFRs also respond to incidents in the Beaminstor, Symondsburys, Swyre, and Shipton Gorge areas.

● WHAT incidents do Community First Responders attend?

We attend a variety of incidents, mainly for those who are in a life threatening condition, but we do not attend incidents involving trauma, like road traffic collisions for example.

CFRs are always backed up by an ambulance crew. They are a valuable addition to the ambulance service and not a substitute for it.

● WHAT skills and training do you need?

All training is delivered by the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. You attend two full weekends of training at either St Leonards or Dorchester, which has an exam at the end, which must be passed. You are then required to complete three 12 hours third manning shifts where you join an ambulance crew or specialist paramedic to learn and practice the skills learned through the training course.



Once this is complete the CFR operates 'live',

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however requalification is required every six months, as well as attending monthly training sessions.

● WHAT is a typical call out of a first responder and do you remember your first call out?

No one call is ever the same, you never know what call you might receive on the pager.

I can't remember the first call I ever attended, however one incident that does stick in my mind is doing CPR on a 16 month old child who I managed to revive.

● WHY is it so important for people to have knowledge of first aid?

A level of basic life support is so important because it can massively improve someone's chance of survival.

An out of hospital cardiac arrest has a survival rate of around four to seven percent, however with the delivery of effective CPR and the use of a defib the chance of survival increases to over 50 percent. The stats speak for themselves.

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Tory councillor defects to Green Party

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The Green Party said they are delighted to welcome Councillor Moore, both as a member and as a local government representative.

Green Councillor Jon Orrell said: "I warmly and enthusiastically welcome Claudia to the Greens. Her involvement with the Friends of Rodwell Trail shows a passion for our natural world and outdoor spaces. Her support for Second Chance Furniture shows concern for those in need. These are the two motivations for Greens; politics where the planet and people matter."

Weymouth West ward forms part of the Dorset County Council Division of Rodwell where Clare Sutton is the Green Councillor.

Councillor Sutton said: "This is great news! I have always found Claudia to be an honest, principled and extremely likeable person, a real 'doer' within our community. To me, this, and ensuring local decision makers are

held to account, is what matters most in local politics."

Green campaign coordinator Caz Dennett welcomed Councillor Moore's decision: "We applaud Claudia for having the moral courage to act on her values and principles and for making them publicly known."

"Some people might suggest becoming an Independent councillor would have been an easier decision to make, but to represent the community as an Independent when you favour a political party would be misleading. If someone believes they are aligned to a party's values, it is only honest and fair to say so."

Councillor Moore has reassured residents that she will continue to put their interests first and do the right thing for Weymouth West.

She explained this can best be done with the support of the Green Party saying "I'm proud to now represent a party that believes that building a fairer society and protecting the planet for future generations go hand in hand."



Fancy a dip?

HUNDREDS of swimmers are expected to take the plunge across Weymouth Harbour on Christmas Day.

The Lions, who organise the annual event, hope to have more than 300 take part and say that charities could easily gain by more than £20,000.

By last week more than 150 had already entered online, the first year people have been able to do so.

Last year saw a record breaking 336 swimmers taking part with their sponsor money divided between national and local charities and worthy causes.

This year will also see a new location for swimmers collecting their swim band – the Hope United Reformed Church in Trinity Street, which will be open for registration from 9.45am, including for those who have registered online.

The Lions say that anyone without an official armband will not be allowed to swim.

For full details about the event and how to register please go to <http://weymouthlionsclub.co.uk/christmas-day-2016-harbour-swim/>

The cut-off date for registration online is 4pm on December 23rd.

Sand storm among traders

WEYMOUTH'S fine sands have shifted – into the town centre.

Traders in both of the main shopping streets and at Frederick Place have asked for a tidy-up and a look at ways of better stopping the beach getting into the town.

Some say the situation has got worse since the borough council stopped using garden fence panels along the seafront as a way of stopping the sand blowing across the Esplanade and into the town.

At times in recent weeks the sand has been up to several inches deep on pavements nearest the beach.

For traders in the area it creates an additional nuisance because the finely grained sand is difficult to remove from flooring when wet.

But the borough council says it will all be removed from the streets – and

has defended the use of plastic sheeting along the seafront which, it claims, is not only cheaper, but generally effective.

Councillor Jason Osborne, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Briefholder for Tourism and Culture and Harbour, said: "The fence panels were replaced with the scrim over eight-years-ago. The scrim is both more effective and much more cost efficient as well as being much less vulnerable to damage and vandalism."

"We cannot eliminate wind-blown sand during easterly winds and certain areas, such as steps and slipways, will always present a residual amount of sand being blown from the beach, the majority of which was cleared by the Dorset Waste Partnership team as soon as the winds dropped."

Man dies after car hits sign

OFFICERS are appealing for witnesses following a fatal road traffic collision in Weymouth.

The incident happened at 6.38am on Monday, December 19th, on Abbotsbury Road near to the junction with Franklin Road.

A white Mercedes van being driven by a 56-year-old Weymouth man was in collision with a road sign.

He was treated by officers and paramedics and taken to Dorset County Hospital, but was pronounced dead a short time later.

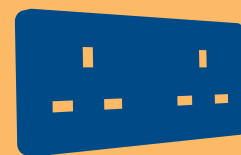
The road was closed at the junctions of Chickerell Road and Newstead Road to allow investigators to examine the scene and to allow the vehicle to be recovered.

Police Inspector Joe Pardey, of the Dorset Police's Road Policing Team, said: "Early indications are that the driver may have suffered a medical episode at the wheel."

"I am appealing for any witnesses who saw the collision or the manner of driving of this vehicle prior to the incident to contact police by calling 101."

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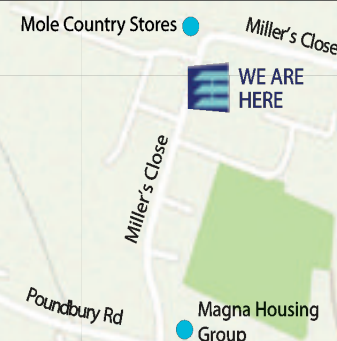
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THE festive season is always a busy time for emergency services. As part of this year's Christmas campaign, Dorset Police is asking you to think carefully before you call and consider using the "Do it Online" service available.

Last December, more than 34,000 calls to 101 were received in the Dorset Police Force Command Centre. This is approximately 2,000 calls every day.

Dorset Police ran a six week campaign over the summer months in an effort to reduce call waiting times in the Force Command Centre.

A "Do it Online" service was introduced making it easier and faster to make an enquiry or report an incident online, and examples of the calls received that are not police matters were published.

While progress has been made, a large number of calls are still being received to 101 that are for other agencies or not appropriate calls for the police.

Dorset Police Operations Manager for Contact Management, Kevin Sargent said: "Call handlers work extremely hard answering call after call, politely and helpfully.

"We know that at times there are queues, particularly at our peak times between 4pm and 7pm and we are working to address this. We are constantly recruiting new staff and are about to introduce new shift patterns to reduce waiting times.

"Please carefully consider whether your call is something the police can help with, before picking up the phone.

"For every call we are dealing with that is not a police matter, someone else who needs police assistance has to wait.

"Thank you in advance for your co-operation during this busy festive period."

Follow Dorset Police's Christmas campaign on social media and together, let's get Christmas safety #AllWrappedUp.

Charity helping people survive winter

A DORSET charity is calling for donations to its Surviving Winter Appeal after figures revealed that there were 2,700 excess deaths attributable to the cold across the South West last year.

The Dorset Community Foundation, a local charity raising funds for local residents in need, is calling on more donations to its Surviving Winter Appeal to help save lives this winter.

Jon Yates, Chief Executive at the Foundation said: "The regional

stats are very shocking. Older people in Dorset are particularly vulnerable - we have the largest older people population in the UK and our county is also very rural - those who live in shire Dorset struggle to get to support services and extra help."

Every year donations raised for Surviving Winter, mostly by people donating their unwanted winter fuel allowances, are being dispersed in the form of grants through the local Citizens Advice

Bureaus. Last year the charity raised nearly £20,000 helping around 200 local households.

To donate to the Surviving Winter Appeal and help an older person in Dorset, send a cheque made out to Dorset Community Foundation to Surviving Winter, The Spire, High Street, Poole, BH15 1DF. Alternatively, visit Dorset Community Foundation's website www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org or contact the charity on 01202 670815.



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Santas on the run



HUNDREDS gathered on Weymouth beach to chase the pudding including the mayor of Weymouth Richard Kosior and stars of this year's Pavilion panto

HUNDREDS donned their Santa suits and took to Weymouth beach at the weekend to chase a Christmas pudding for charity.

Organisers reported there was great support for this year's Chase the Pudding event, which saw more than 250 Santa take part. Not forgetting the 20 children who took part in the new Chase the Elf event.

Both events were cheered on by the Weymouth Mayor and stars from this year's Pavilion panto *Jack and the Beanstalk*, as well as hundreds of visitors at Weymouth Beach.

Winning the elf race was Finlay Sanderson, age 11 from Weymouth.

Winning the Santa race was Chris Wilkinson, age 19, from Weymouth.

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Mayor delivers Christmas cheer

COUNCILLOR Richard Kosior, Mayor of Weymouth and Portland and Mark Lockie, President of Weymouth & Portland Lions Club visited a number of local charities and organisations last week to present them with cheques.

Raised as a result of the Christmas fund appeal launched by the Mayor and Lions Club in November, the cheques will go towards improving the lives of those in need.

Councillor Richard Kosior, Mayor of Weymouth & Portland, said: "I'd like to thank everyone who donated to the appeal. It was a pleasure to visit these deserving organisations that do so much for the community and present them with the cheques on behalf of the borough's residents."

The organisations receiving the donations were: Soul Food, Dorset ADHD Support Group, The Lantern, Samaritans, Steps, Safewise, Echo Toy Fund, Portland Food Bank, Blind Association, Weymouth Food Bank, Melcombe Day Hospital.

So far, the appeal has raised more than £1,000.

Mark Lockie, President of Weymouth & Portland Lions Club, said: "Like many charities and voluntary organisations, they rely on the kind donations of others, so the money raised really does make a difference."

The mayor also pledged to the Littlemoor Youth Club re-opening.



MAYOR, Councillor Richard Kosior presents a cheque for £100 to Steps Club for Young People



THE Samaritans receive a cheque for £150 from the mayor

Police launch witness appeal following assault

WEYMOUTH Police are appealing for witnesses to a vicious assault when a man was hit in the head with a glass bottle.

A man has been arrested following the incident at 3.20am on Friday, December 16th, in St Albans Street. It followed an altercation outside the Actors Bar in New Street.

The victim, a local man aged in his 20s, was punched and hit on the head with a glass bottle during the incident. A cut to his ear required stitches and he also suffered a swollen eye.

A 33-year-old man from Portland has been arrested on suspicion of assault and is on police bail until early

February 2017 pending further enquiries.

Detective Constable Lucy Cummings, of Weymouth CID, said: "I believe there was a number of people in the area at the time of the incident and I would appeal for them to come forward."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55160187812.

Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Scam bank letter warning

DORSET Police is warning local people to look out for fake letters which appear to come from Lloyds Bank.

The convincing letters are a replica template from Lloyds and include their logo, address and signature from a customer service representative.

They tell recipients that there has been some "unusual transactions" on their personal account and asks them to call a number highlighted in bold to confirm they are genuine.

When victims call the number, an automated welcome message is played and the caller is asked to enter their card number, account

number and sort code followed by their date of birth. Victims are then instructed to enter the first and last digit of their security number.

The bank has confirmed that the phone number and letters are fake.

Police say the letters are essentially a sophisticated phishing attempt and serves as a warning to consumers to question written correspondence which purports to come from their banks.

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Shoppers invited to sing carols

CAROL singers for the Children's Society will be inviting Dorchester Tesco shoppers to join in with them this Thursday, December 22nd, between 5pm and 7pm.

The Dorchester Fundraising Committee of The Children's Society will be singing carols, joined by friends, supporters including the Mayoress of Dorchester Anita Harries and accompanied by Steve Kinnersley on the keyboard.

"Anyone who would like to come along and join in the seasonal singing are very welcome. The more the merrier," said Dorothy Maggs, Chair of the local Committee.

"We sing each year and it always adds a bit of festive cheer to the shoppers in the run-up to Christmas. We also raise funds for The Children's Society who work with vulnerable children and their families in this country to give help, support and guidance at difficult times in their young lives. We have a centre in Weymouth called 'Waves' who offer help to those in need locally."

The group raises funds at a number of ventures throughout the year and are at the planning stage for 2017. The programme is likely to include a street collection, cake stall, cream tea, autumn fayre and probably a themed meal.

If anyone would like to know more about The Children's Society telephone 01305 262436 or view the website www.childrenssociety.org.uk



■ DORCHESTER'S Neighbourhood Policing Team getting into the Christmas spirit at the town's police station

Festive jumper fun

STAFF at several Dorset workplaces took part in a Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for the Save the Children charity.

Among them were Dorchester's Neighbourhood Policing team and staff at Magna Housing.

Staff in Magna's Dorchester

office wore their most festive jumpers, raising £90 for the charity.

Gail Pearson, who helped with the collection, said: "We like to support fundraising events like this if we can and our staff enjoyed getting into the festive spirit for such a good cause."



■ STAFF at Magna Housing, wearing their festive jumpers for Christmas Jumper Day

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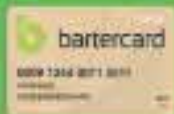
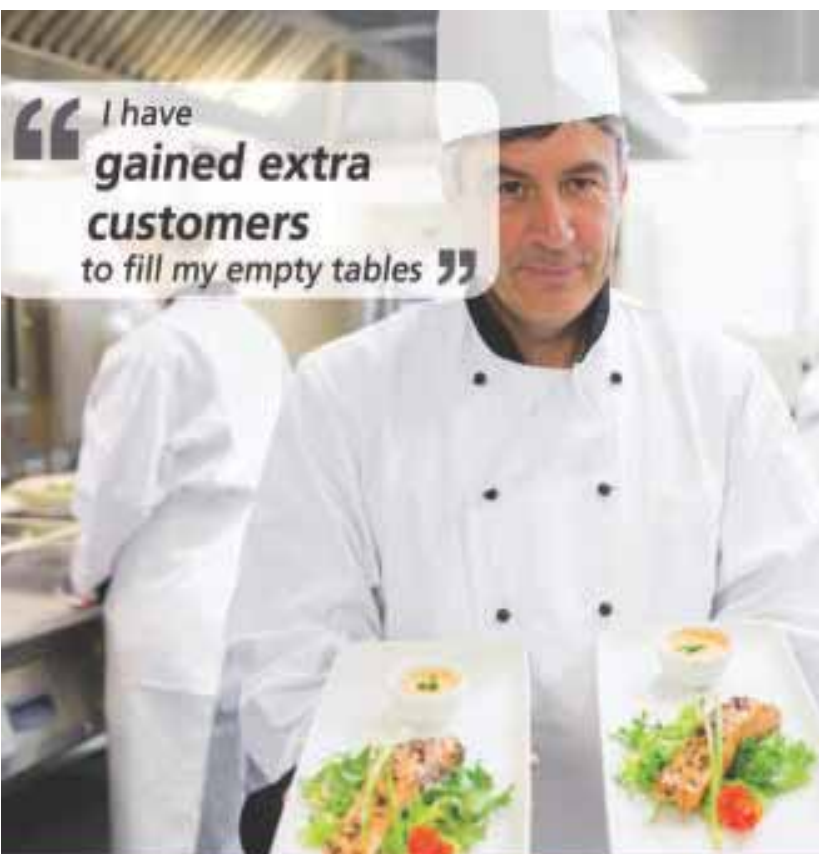
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Man and dogs escape house fire caused by faulty Christmas lights

DORSET firefighters have issued safety advice after a house fire in Weymouth, linked to Christmas lights, and a chimney fire at a pub on the outskirts of Dorchester.

A man had to flee through a first floor window after a fire at his home in Verne Road, Weymouth while two dogs were rescued from the smoke-filled house by firemen wearing breathing sets.

The man, in his 20s, was taken to hospital for checks.

Investigators say they believe the fire was caused by over-heating in a plug socket in the hallway used to power Christmas lights.

A spokesman said: "Fire survival guidance given by Fire Control enabled one male to safely get to a window and lower himself to safety from the first floor bedroom.

Fire crews were called a day later, on Saturday morning, to a chimney fire at the Sun Inn, Lower Burton.

There they used a chimney kit and one hose reel jet to put out the fire.

The fire brigade say both incidents are reminders of seasonal dangers.

They ask people not to overload plugs because of the danger of over-heating and advise regular sweeping for any time of chimney – whether coal, logs or other type of fuel is being used.

Safety advise at all times included having a smoke alarm on all levels of a property, which should be tested weekly; not leaving cooking unattended; keeping decorations away from candles, fires, lights and heaters; switch off decoration lights before leaving the house or going to bed; using a RCD



FIRE damage thought to be caused by faulty Christmas tree lights

(residual current device) on outdoor electrical equipment and not overloading sockets – only one plug per socket.

For chimneys the fire brigade say they should be swept at least once a year using smokeless fuel, every three months when burning wood.

Fires should never be started using flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin and excessive amount of paper or rubbish to start a fire should be avoided.

TIC to move to library

DORCHESTER'S Tourist Information Centre is to move from Trinity Street to the town library.

The cost-cutting move, agreed by the district council, could result in the loss of up to eight jobs.

The decision was made despite a local protest which attracted more than 1,400 signatures to a petition and opposition from the Chamber of Commerce and BID.

Council officials claim the move could save up to £80,000 a year although the move itself will cost £50,000 in the first year.

The changes are expected to come into place before the end of the financial year, in April.

Panto boost for hospital cancer appeal



SUPPORT for Dorset County Hospital Charity's Cancer Appeal has been boosted by a visit from the cast of Weymouth Pavilion's Christmas pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk.

Lee Redwood, who runs the pantomime at the Pavilion, brought some of the cast to the county hospital to meet the charity team and to see where the new radiotherapy unit that the charity is supporting will be built.

He said: "We were asked if the pantomime could do something for the cancer appeal and we were happy to help. We plan to take a collection at the end of each performance are sure that our audiences will be happy to support such an important local project."

The two radiotherapy machines and the bunkers that will house them are being funded by Poole Hospital and a generous legacy. The charity's appeal will fund a new outpatients department on top of the radiotherapy unit which will serve all cancer patients

at the hospital. The appeal will also pay for improvements in the existing chemotherapy unit so that friends and family can sit with patients having chemotherapy.

The Cancer Appeal total currently stands at just over £700,000 thanks to recent fundraising events and a Christmas Challenge at the hospital. Fortuneswell Cancer Trust, who are partnering the Charity on this appeal, have already donated £200,000.

Charity staff say that there will be further announcement soon regarding recent donations. The target is £1.75million, which needs to be raised by the end of March 2018.

For more information about the Cancer Appeal or about other projects being supported by Dorset County Hospital Charity please contact Rachel on 01305 253215, email charity@dchft.nhs.uk or visit www.dchft.nhs.uk/charity.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

■ THIS week's Growing Old Disgracefully dwells on how elderly people prepare for Christmas.

You may not notice it as the years roll by but there are fewer people to buy presents for and it becomes harder and harder to wrap them up or to write and post the cards.

Family becomes much more important, particularly to those whose husband or wife has died, and a celebration period which used to pass by in a blur of turkey, tinsel and Tia Maria mellow into pleasure at people's company and the delight of watching excited grandchildren unwrap their presents.

Of course a few glasses of Uncle Bert's homemade dandelion and compost wine makes for louder conversation than usual, but it also verbally unlocks a lot of memories, all part of Christmas down the family ages, so everyone – young and old – should enjoy the seasonal big day.

The brutal face of modern life

TAKE a moment to consider the people around you when next you go out to a restaurant, pub or shop in Weymouth and Portland.

A chilling new survey claims that for every five of those people you are looking at then roughly two of them will have less than £100 in savings.

Bearing in mind I recently queued behind three women at a supermarket check-out whose bills came respectively to £117, £453 and £151 and it doesn't take many brain cells to realise that only having £100 in savings is less money

than many spend on their weekly shop.

Those whose job is to invest people's money tell me they always advise their clients to keep back up to a year's wage to ensure they have enough ready cash available to cope with emergencies such as losing their job.

So only having £100 in savings is the same as only putting aside a couple of day's pay never mind the recommended year's worth.

But many people only have £100 worth of savings because that is all they have been able to afford to put

by. Their income is spent virtually down to the last penny keeping themselves fed with a roof over their heads.

If that is depressing then we are warned that our current "young" generation up to 30 years old is already massively worse off than those aged 40 and may not be able to buy their own home until much later in life if at all.

That leaves Bank of Mum and Dad to step in and give what help it can, changing their plans for that little cottage in the country or a downsize to a small bungalow in

favour of hanging on to their existing house because if they move to smaller accommodation then their children will either be crammed in with them or risk not having a room at all.

It is gloomy stuff but this is the brutal face of modern life. All generations – each for a variety of reasons – are having to change the way they approach the future.

Having just £100 in savings is only the much publicised tip of the iceberg. There are much deeper problems lurking beneath the waves, so help where you can.

Not long to go!

JUST three more days of merry retail madness until Christmas and the psycho shoppers are stripping shelves just one chipolata ahead of the men in white coats.

You can spot them by their fanatical stare, twitching eyes and claw-like hands which snatch up anything in the shops they might remotely need for the Christmas period. They've spent so much their credit card is worn down to half its size.

But they still want more, presumably because they have now lost all rational sense of perspective and believe they are no longer buying for the 12 days of Christmas but for the remaining 353 days of the year as well!

And as the final till chime sounds out to call time on Christmas Eve we may just be able to hear the singing of a lonely carol in the distance. Actually it will probably be some landlord calling "Time!" After all, that's what Christmas is really all about isn't it?

Hope you all have a great Christmas and that all your warm feelings aren't heartburn!

Let's hope the New Year offers a solution

WEYMOUTH has just been labelled a hotspot for people sleeping rough and all the evidence you could want for that view is available on almost every town centre street.

Perhaps it's the proximity of Christmas, perhaps personal circumstances have suddenly worsened but, whatever the reason, it seems that almost every intersection, busy store or empty shop doorway has its own dishevelled inhabitant.

They have rolled ground mats, sleeping bags, back packs for their worldly goods and they often have a dog in tow.

They do everything to encourage cash donations from playing little tunes on a mouth organ to openly asking for money and their numbers are growing.

National figures show a 30 per cent rise in rough sleepers this year and when people cele-

brated the recent Christmas lights switch-on I counted thirteen beggars, tramps, homeless people....call them what you will.

There are now so many that what were occasional sightings are now a regular town centre encounter and I've talked to social help groups who say they expect to be busier than ever before this Christmas.

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New cancer support group

A NEW support group has launched for those affected by cancer in Weymouth and Portland.

C'Siders - Weymouth and Portland Cancer Support Group - was launched by Peter Meacham at the end of September. Having been diagnosed with cancer earlier in the year, Peter realised it was something that was lacking in the area.

C'Siders has already attracted a good membership. It is a general group and members have experienced a range of different types of cancer. The support of family and friends is important and C'Siders gives members, their partners and

carers an opportunity to discuss their treatment, share the experience of others and express their concerns and feelings. A range of activities and talks of benefit to members are being organised.

The group usually meets fortnightly on Monday evenings from 7.30pm - 9pm. The next meetings will be held at the Wyke Smugglers pub on Portland Road on January 2nd, 9th, and 30th 2017. The meetings are held in a private room and refreshments are available throughout the evening.

For further details, contact Peter at csiders@bt-internet.com or on 07729 617748.

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Erin skates away with top prize for classmates

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Erin Hill, aged 10 from Class 6T, said "I am really excited to go skating with my classmates, I have never been skating before."

She was picked as the winner in the Weymouth Big Christmas competition by Gold Sponsor, Dorset Lettings.

On Saturday (17th) Weymouth BID and Refresh Churches of Weymouth & Portland hosted a pop-up nativity at 2pm on the Main Stage in New Bond Street.

The Reverend Anni Douglas, Refresh Coordinator said: "Everyone loves watching the Nativity story at Christmas but so many do not have the chance of seeing a performance unless you have children."

Shoppers also enjoyed musical performances from 12pm with The Deans Academy, Rachel Scott, WOW, Toby De Kretser and Sandfest 2016's Winner Karl Vogts.



■ CHERYL Vickers of Dorset Lettings and Erin Hill (photos courtesy of Weymouth BID)

Fight night boost for Kingfisher Ward

THE fight to save Kingfisher Ward has been boosted by hundreds of pounds, thanks to Weymouth's Riviera Hotel.

More than £1,300 was raised for Dorchester Hospital's children's facility, courtesy of a martial arts night held at the Bowleaze venue.

The event, which featured junior members from King Tiger Club, was organised by parents of youngsters whose lives have been saved by doctors and nurses on Kingfisher the popular ward.

More than 200 fight fans packed the hotel's Ballroom to watch 16 bouts of kick-boxing with competitors as young as five years old taking part.

Riviera assistant bar manager, Craig Elliott, whose daughter Destiny was admitted to Kingfisher after contracting RSV bronchiolitis, said: "What a truly wonderful night it was. The fighting was really entertaining and everyone had a great time."

"But most importantly we were able to raise a huge sum of money for the Kingfisher Ward and that's what the event was all about."

"The Kingfisher Ward has a special place in some many people's hearts, mine included. If wasn't for the amazing work carried out by staff there my daughter would not be alive and that's the case for many other parents locally."

The cash raised came from entrance fees and from a grand raffle made possible by big-hearted local businesses.

Craig added: "The generosity of people has been overwhelming. From the hotel staff through to the fighters themselves, nothing was too much trouble."

"There are so many kind people and business owners out there - too many to mention - and I send my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of them."

"But I must make special mention to fellow parent, Micky Mooney. This was Micky's brainchild as he wanted to say thanks for all the treatment his young son Freddie has been receiving at Kingfisher over recent years."



■ YOUNG fighters take to the ring to raise funds for Kingfisher Ward



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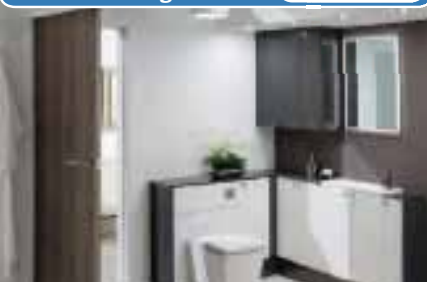
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- Pinecones
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- Candle dye blocks
- Wired candle wicking
- Wooden spoon
- Large heat proof container
- Frying pan
- Wax paper
- Scissors
- Cute tags and twine

WHAT TO DO:

SET UP YOUR WORK AREA - Place your heat proof container into a large pan that has water in it, this is how we will melt the wax. Close by, set up an area to place your dipped pinecones.

MELT YOUR WAX - Turn on your pan, start heating up the water and add your soy wax flakes.

The water in your pan will boil and gently heat the glass container – melting your wax slowly. Which is what we want. Continue to stir while your wax melts.

ADD COLOUR - As your wax is melting chop up pieces of your colour block (so it melts faster) and add to your wax. Continue to stir and watch your colour melt into the wax. This wax colourant comes with instructions on how much to add per pound but you can do whatever you want.

Protect your kitchen! Dipping can get messy so anywhere that you will be holding the pinecones needs to be covered to catch dripping wax.

TEST YOUR COLOUR - To test the colour of your wax drip a little onto wax paper and see how it dries. If it's too light – add more colour block, it's always easier to go darker. If it's too dark your only fix is to add more wax to make it lighter.

ADDING SCENT - The scent rule for candle making is 1 ounce of scent oil for 1 pound of wax. But we aren't making candles... so you can add as little or as much as you want.

LET YOUR WAX COOL DOWN - After the wax is fully melted you will need to wait 20-30 minutes for it to cool down before you dip your first pinecone. You don't have to wait, but if you dip your pinecones while your wax is super hot it won't stick as well. Meaning you will have to dip over and over and over and over to build-up the wax on your pinecone. If you want to get technical it's best to dip around 130° to 140° degrees.

WICK YOUR PINECONES - While you are waiting for your wax to cool you can wick your pinecones! Adding wicking around your pinecones helps to keep the flame moving throughout the cone in your fire. Cut about 12" of wired wicking for each pinecone.

Fold in half and tie a loop knot with the wicking, then hold the loop at the top of the pinecone and wrap between the scales. Wrap each of the wicks in the opposite direction.

Stuff the ends of the wick inside the pinecone, you can use the ends of your scissors to help if you need to. Some will be easier to wrap than others.

DIPPING YOUR PINECONES - You'll know that your wax is cool enough to start dipping when you see remnants of it start to harden a bit on the glass bowl right above the wax. While stirring it will also feel less fluid, it will actually feel thicker. Dipping is pretty simple, hold onto the wick knot and submerge, use the wooden spoon to help you. Let the extra wax fully strain off the pinecone.

Fully submerge each pinecone in the wax and set on waxed paper to dry making sure to strain as much of the wax off each pinecone while in the bowl.

The first dip doesn't look like much... but as you keep adding layers the colour will build.

The dry time in between each dip is 15 minutes. After the 15 minutes are up, break off any clumps of wax on the bottom of each pinecone and place in a pile to reheat later.

Then dip again! At this point your wax should be even cooler and will start to really grab onto your pinecone.

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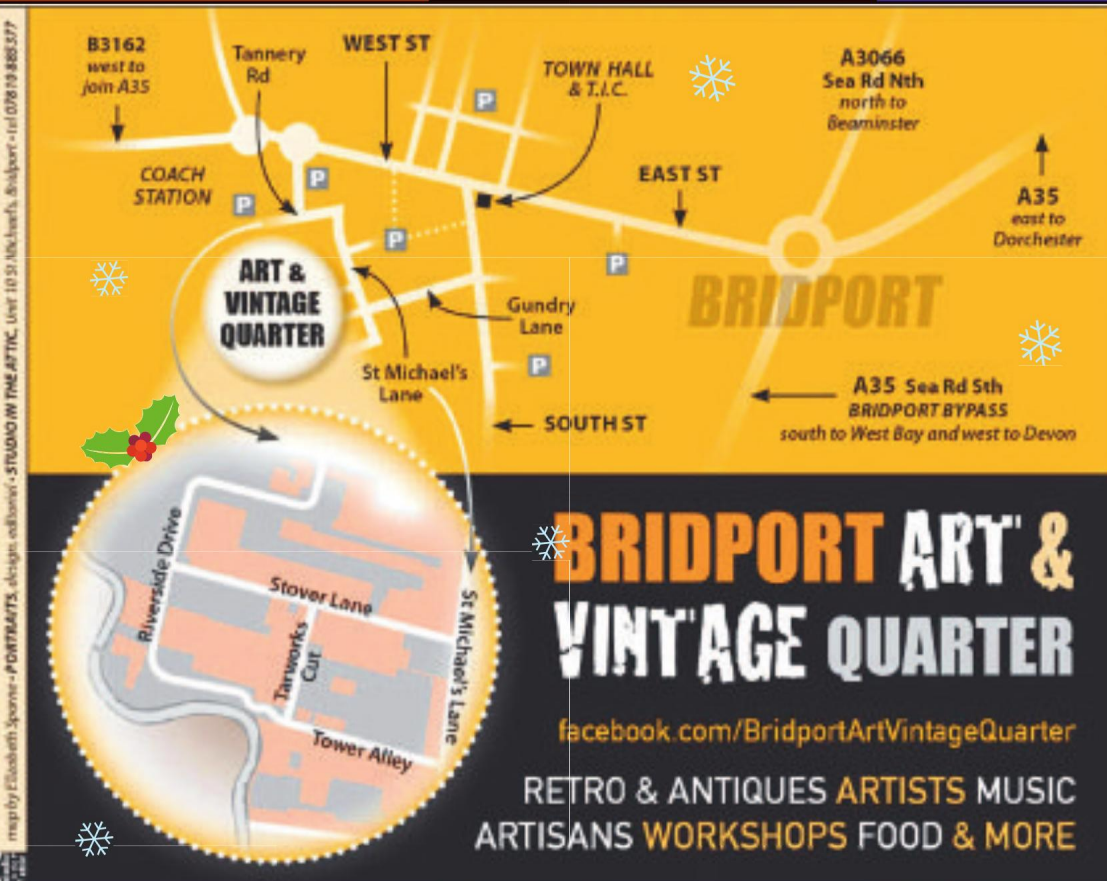
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There are all of the usual Yuletide offerings including the soaps vying for top spot on Christmas day and the Doctor Who Christmas special, which this year will see the time lord travel to the Big Apple for a monstrous adventure.

There are also a plethora of family films, to enthrall both young and old with animated classics, fantasy favourites and awesome action movies to entertain. We have chosen five festive family classics to see you through as well as our top ten television picks over the holiday period.

Christmas Eve 11:20am Despicable Me ★★★★★ Join super-criminal Gru as he plots to steal the moon with the help of his adorable assistants the minions.

Christmas day at 3:10pm Frozen ★★★★★ Sing-along with the now infamous theme tune for many wannabe princesses and "Let it Go", as you follow the epic Disney fable of Anna and Elsa.

Boxing Day 4:10pm Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ★★★★★ Harry Potter starts his third year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, with the threat of an escaped Death Eater on the loose.

27th December Raiders of the Lost Ark ★★★★★ The first in the action franchise, starring Harrison Ford, sees the archeologist brave an ancient booby-trapped temple in Peru to retrieve a golden idol.

TOP TEN TO WATCH THIS CHRISTMAS

1. ONE of the staples of Channel Four's annual Christmas schedule has been the animated version of Raymond Briggs' The Snowman (C4, Christmas Eve, 4:45pm) since its premiere in 1982, but this year there's also a new short film which no doubt will be repeated for many years to come.

We're Going On a Bear Hunt (C4, Christmas Eve, 7:30pm) is based on the hit bedtime book by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. The half-hour show has been produced by the same team behind The Snowman and its 2012 sequel The Snowman and The Snowdog (C4, Christmas Eve, 5:15pm).

2. SAYING farewell to the Beeb before it finally packs up its soggy bottoms and heads off to Channel Four, is The Great British Bake Off. Two Christmas specials (BBC1, Christmas Day, 4:45pm & Boxing Day, 7:00pm) will see Mary, Mel and Sue together with Paul for one last time. Each instalment sees the show welcome back four bakers from the past to tackle some suitably festive baking challenges.

3. ALTHOUGH there wasn't a new series of Doctor Who this year, Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from The Doctor (well, not since 2005 anyway) and you can catch-up with him in The Return Of Doctor Mysterio (BBC1, Christmas Day, 5:45pm).



The Snowman and The Snowdog
5.15pm Channel4 Christmas Eve

Peter Capaldi's Doctor has to save New York City from mind swapping aliens, with the help of Matt Lucas (who returns as Nardole from last year's Christmas special).

4. IF YOU like your comedy with a few darker undertones, then you'll no doubt be a fan of Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith's



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To Walk Invisible 9.00pm BBC1 29th December

macabre Inside No 9. A festive special - The Devil At Christmas (BBC2, Dec 27th, 10:00pm) (so maybe not that festive?) - guest stars Rula Lenska and Jessica Raine, who find out first hand of the Austrian legend of Krampus (think the exact opposite of Santa). Set in a snow lodge in 1977, it sounds like it might have a A Tales Of The Unexpected vibe - and might just be the best thing on telly this Christmas.

5. HAS no one made a film about The Brontë sisters before now? It seems strange it's taken this long for the story of literature's greatest group of sisters - Charlotte (Jane Eyre), Emily (Wuthering Heights) and Anne (The Tenant Of Wildfell Hall) - to come to the screen, but it looks worth the wait. To Walk Invisible (BBC1, Dec 29th, 9:00pm) reveals the extraordinary story behind their traumatic family life, which no doubt contributed to the creation of their literary masterpieces.

6. THERE were a number of music biographies launched in to run-up to Christmas, but the one everyone's talking about is Bruce Springsteen's. Tying-in with his book, Born To Run, is Bruce Springsteen: In His Words (C4, Dec 29th, 10:35pm) where The Boss talks about his acclaimed tome, as well as reflecting on his career and what motivates him to continue to tour.

7. ONE of the finest collaborations between Roald Dahl and illustrator Quentin Blake was the 1982 collection of poems, Revolting Rhymes, which retold six classic fairytales in the way only Dahl knew how. Dominic West leads the voice cast in these two new animated films, bringing the 'alternative' versions of these classic stories to life.

The first film (BBC1, Boxing Day, 6:30pm) sees young Snow White and Red Riding Hood

become lifelong friends as Snow White takes on the might of the wicked Queen, whilst Red is called home to deal with a pair of hungry wolves - one who's eaten her grandma and then dressed in her clothes, while the other can't help himself from eating some unsuspecting pigs. The second film is at the same time the following evening.

8. THOSE of a certain age will no doubt remember Mike Read's Pop Quiz with either fondness or - if they were a bit too cool for school - abject hatred. I, for one, have happy memories of those Saturday evenings watching the then Saturday Superstore host teasing the biggest music stars of the day with some particularly tricky questions. And, somewhat bizarrely, Pop Quiz is back - and so is Mike Read.

Nostalgic 80s fun aplenty awaits with the first of two new episodes on December 28th (BBC Four, 9:30pm). Guests on the new run include Toyah Willcox, Nick Heyward (Haircut 100), Carol Decker (T'Pau), Tom Bailey (Thompson Twins), Andy McCluskey (OMD), Steve Norman (Spandau Ballet), David Grant (Linx), Cheryl Baker and Jay Aston (Bucks Fizz), Ranking Roger (The Beat), Mari Wilson and Lee John (Imagination).

9. FOLLOWING on from last year's adaptation of And Then There Were None, the Beeb continues its new tradition of Agatha Christie at Christmas with a two-part take on The Witness For The Prosecution (BBC1, Boxing Day, 9:00pm & Dec 27th, 9:00pm).

It's refreshing to see new versions of Christie's whodunnits that don't involve either Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot - there's far more to the best-selling author of all time's canon than

just the elderly spinster and the Belgian sleuth. And although this tale of greed and wounded souls may not be typical festive fare, it could well be a Christmas treat all the same.

It's 1920s London and a murder - brutal and bloodthirsty - has stained the plush carpets of a handsome London townhouse. The all-star cast includes Toby Jones (Detectorists, Marvellous, Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy), Andrea Riseborough (Bloodline, Birdman, Oblivion), Kim Cattrall (Sensitive Skin, Sex And The City) and David Haig (The Thick Of It, Mo, My Boy Jack).

10. NOT so much a Christmas highlight - it's not actually on until the New Year - but Sherlock's back! And not with a one-off special either but three all new episodes (yes, series four is finally here after a three year wait). Little is known about the first episode but there are a clues aplenty in the teaser trailer, with Sherlock and Watson sitting across from one another silently, surrounded by floodwater. All will be revealed in The Six Thatchers (BBC1, New Year's Day, 8:30pm).



The Six Thatchers
8.30pm BBC1 New Year's Day

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Just for fun Answers below

1. Which word, often associated with Christmas, stems from the Greek word for circle dance?

2. Which English leader prohibited the singing of Christmas songs?

3. 'Who' catches the Grinch red handed stealing Christmas presents?

4. In which country is St. Nick called Sinterklaas?

5. "Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen". In which country was Wenceslas king?

6. Apparently, while poking at the fire, the London sweet shop owner Tom Smith got the

inspiration to make what?

7. What does the word Bethlehem mean?

8. Which Christmas tradition, said to have originated in Germany, was banned in the Soviet Union until 1935?

9. Which 1987 action/comedy opens to the music of "Jingle Bell Rock"?

10. Traditionally, after kissing someone under the mistletoe, what should you then remove?

11. Name the 3 of Santa's reindeer that start with the letter D.

12. What was stolen from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1950?

13. In Holland, what do children put out on Christmas Eve, instead of stockings?

14. In the Pogues Christmas song 'Fairy Tale of New York', which choirs "are singing Galway Bay"?

15. In the familiar song The 12 Days of Christmas, what is the gift on the fourth day?

16. In which celebrated film does James Stewart attempt suicide one Christmas?

17. Which plant did the Celt's refer to as 'all healer'?

18. From which country does the poinsettia plant originate?

19. How many presents were given in total in the 12 Days of Christmas?

20. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel?

21. Which country can be credited with the creation of the Christmas beverage, eggnog?

22. In what country, the world's seventh largest by geographical area, is Christmas known as Bada Din (the big day)?

23. Which British monarch (born 1865, died 1936) introduced the custom of giving thousands of Christmas puddings to staff?

24. Who composed the music known as The Nutcracker Suite, for the Christmas themed ballet The Nutcracker, premiered in St Petersburg, 1892?

25. The surname Chandler derives from the making or selling of what?

26. Brandy is made from distilling what?

27. What Christmas item takes its name from the old French word estincelle, meaning spark?

28. The character Jack Skellington appears in which 1993 Tim Burton film?

29. On what street did Santa Claus' miracle occur?

30. What was Brenda Lee doing around the Christmas tree?

Answers: 1. Carol (choranlein) 2. Oliver Cromwell 3. Cindy Lou Who 4. Holland

5. Bohemia (Czech Republic) 6. Christmas crackers 7. House of meat (Arabic) or House of bread (Hebraic) 8. Christmas Trees 9. Lethal Weapon 10. One Of The Berries (For Good Luck) 11. Donner; Dancer; Dasher 12. The Stone of Scone 13. Clogs 14. "the boys from the NYPD choir are singing Galway Bay" 15. Four calling Birds 16. It's a wonderful life 17. Mistletoe 18. Mexico 19. 364 20. Egypt 21. England 22. India 23. King George V 24. Tchaikovsky 25. Candles 26. Wine 27. Tinsel 28. The Nightmare before Christmas 29. 34th 30. Rockin'

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CHOCOLATE ORANGE HAZELNUT CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

- 175ml light-coloured olive oil, plus extra for greasing
- 140g blanched hazelnuts
- 100ml orange juice, plus zest 1 orange
- 140g self-raising flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 50g cocoa powder
- 3 large eggs
- 175g light brown muscovado sugar
- For the candied orange slices
- 300g golden caster sugar
- 1 large orange cut into 3mm/1/8in slices

TO DECORATE

- 75ml orange juice
- 100g dairy free dark chocolate
- 50g blanched hazelnuts, toasted
- 1 tsp edible gold powder

METHOD:

Make the candied orange slices a day ahead if you can. Put the sugar and 300ml water in a medium saucepan and bring to the boil. Reduce to a gentle simmer, add the orange slices and cook for 1 hr-1 hr 10 mins or until the pith is translucent, turning occasionally. Line

a baking tray with parchment. Carefully remove the slices from the syrup, place on the prepared tray and set aside to dry (at least 8 hrs) before cutting in half. Reserve the syrup.

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Lightly grease a loaf tin (mine was 900g) with olive oil and line with a strip of baking parchment.

Grind the hazelnuts in a food processor until they resemble coarse breadcrumbs (do not blitz them too much or they will become oily), then add to a bowl along with the orange zest, a pinch of salt and the rest of the dry ingredients. Mix together until evenly combined.

Pour the oil and the orange juice into a jug and mix together. Put the eggs and sugar in a tabletop mixer or large bowl and whisk together for 5-10 mins or until the mixture has tripled in volume and holds a ribbon on the surface when the beaters are lifted out. Slowly pour the oil mixture into the egg mixture and fold together until combined.

Add the flour mixture to the egg mixture in 3 or 4 additions, folding together until combined. You can't sieve this mixture over the eggs because of the hazelnuts, but try not to dump the flour in one place – you need to be careful and fold the batter to retain its lightness. Once fully combined, pour the batter into the prepared loaf tin and bake for 50-55 mins or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.

Prick the top of the cake all over, then pour over 5 tbsp of the reserved orange syrup. Cool in the tin for 15 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Trim the top of the cake (keep this for a mini trifle) and turn out, cut-side down, onto a serving platter.

To decorate, pour the orange juice into a small pan and bring to a simmer. Put the chocolate in a small bowl, pour the orange juice over and stir together to form a smooth ganache. Set aside in the fridge until thickened, about 20-25 mins. Tip the hazelnuts into a small bowl and add the gold powder with a dash of water, stirring together to coat. Put the ganache in a piping bag fitted with a small round piping tip. Pipe in peaks over the top of the cake, decorating with the golden hazelnuts and the orange slices. Will keep for up to 3 days in an airtight container.



BLOODY MARY SCRAMBLED EGGS AND SMOKED SALMON

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 eggs
- 2 tbsp milk
- ½ tsp Tabasco plus extra to serve (optional)
- ½ tsp Worcestershire sauce, plus extra to

serve (optional)

- 1 tsp olive oil
- 100g cherry tomatoes
- 1 tbsp finely chopped chives
- 100g smoked salmon sliced
- 4 slices whole meal bread, toasted and buttered
- ½ lemon, sliced into wedges

METHOD:

Beat together the eggs, milk, Tabasco, Worcestershire sauce and some seasoning in a jug. Heat the oil in a large non-stick pan over a low heat and pour in the egg mix. Cook, stirring, until it is done around the edges and slightly runny in the middle. Then tip in the tomatoes and warm through for 1 min until the eggs have finished cooking.

Top the toast with the scrambled eggs and chives, and place the smoked salmon on the side with a wedge of lemon to squeeze over. Drizzle over extra Tabasco and Worcestershire sauce, if you like it with an extra kick.



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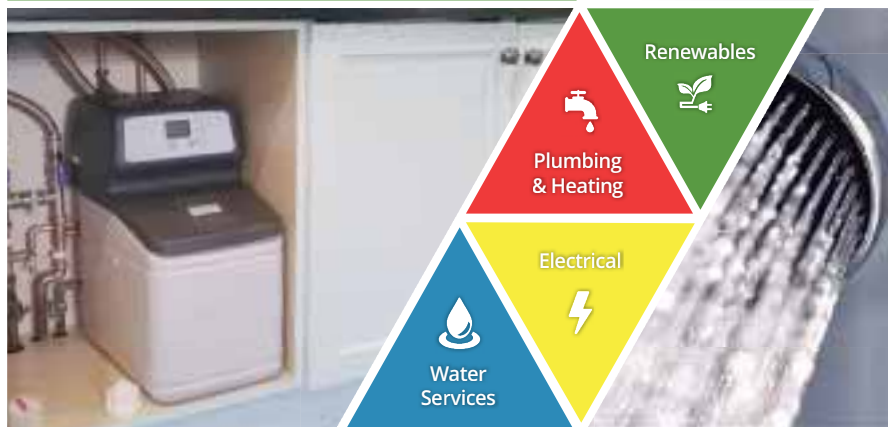
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FESTIVE

Television

Friday 23rd December



The Prince & Me **
8.15am BBC2



Oz the Great and Powerful ***
3.10pm BBC1



The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug
*** 8.00pm ITV1



Saving Mr Banks *****
8.30pm BBC2

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BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Jon Kay, Naga Munchetty. (S) (HD)

9.15 Christmas City
A behind-the-scenes look at planning in Greater Manchester. Last in series. (S) (HD)

10.00 Christmas Kitchen
With Ronni Ancona, Bake Off's Selasi, and Amandine Chaignot. Last in series. (S) (HD)

11.15 Homes under the Hammer
Properties in Newcastle, Telford and Rochester, Kent. (R) (S) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
Kate Bliss and David Harper help two teams in Kingston-upon-Thames. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 BBC News
Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.45 New series. Father Brown
1/15 Series 5. The son of a Duke is abducted from Lady Felicia's guletide ball. (S) (AD) (HD)

2.40 On Angel Wings
Michael Morpurgo's magical reworking of the Nativity. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.10 Oz the Great and Powerful ***
Prequel to The Wizard of Oz. After being caught in a terrifying tornado, travelling magician Oscar Diggs finds himself in a fantastical land. (2013, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.15pm Pointless
Quiz show with Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News
(S) (HD)

7.00 Strictly Len Goodman
As he prepares to grace the Strictly ballroom for the final time, Len Goodman looks back at some of the high-lights of his dozen years beneath the glitter ball. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 EastEnders
Ben and Louise are perplexed by Phil's generosity. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Citizen Khan
7/7 Series 5. It's a Khanderful Life. Mr Khan tips his hat to the classic Christmas movie as he faces up to the fact that life hasn't turned out the way he planned it. Repeated Christmas Day 1.05am (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Have I Got 2016 News for You
11/11. Highlights from this year's editions of the quiz.
Extended repeat Christmas Day 12.20am (S) (HD)

9.30 Walliams and Friend
Miranda Richardson joins David this week. They play a pair of obnoxious estate agents, and advertise a firm claiming compensation for people who have had their feelings hurt while at work. A Christmas special is on Tuesday 27th at 10pm.
Repeated Boxing Day 1.25am (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News
Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

10.35 The Graham Norton Show
Will Smith and Collateral Beauty co-stars Helen Mirren and Naomie Harris are joined on the sofa by Martin Freeman. (S) (HD)

11.25 Mrs Brown's Boys; The Virgin Mummy.
Will Agnes's unorthodox Nativity play gain Father Damien's approval? (R) (S) (HD)

11.55 The NFL Show
Mark Chapman looks at the week's major stories.
More on Tuesday 27th 11.30pm BBC2. (S) (HD)

12.25am Signs ***
Sci-fi fantasy thriller, starring Mel Gibson and Joaquin Phoenix. A 500ft crop circle appears on an isolated Pennsylvania farm. (2002, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.05 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

2.10-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

5.45am Christmas City
Shown yesterday 9.15am (S) (HD)

6.30 Bargain Hunt
Shown yesterday 12.15pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.15-8.15 Sign Zone; Fern Britton Meets...
Politician Michael Gove discusses his religious beliefs. (R) (S)

8.15 The Prince & Me **
Romantic comedy with Julia Stiles. A hard-working undergraduate finds herself distracted by a handsome student. (2004, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

10.00 Robot Wars
Home-made robots do battle. (R) (S) (HD)

11.00 Money for Nothing
Sarah Moore rescues items from the tip that can be transformed (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)

12 noon Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit ***
Musical comedy starring Whoopi Goldberg. Singer Deloris helps some of the nuns she has befriended to save their school. (1993, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

1.45pm Rick Stein's Cornish Christmas
The chef prepares a festive banquet for his friends. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.15 This Farming Life
To the east of Inverness, Martin tends to 500 pregnant ewes (R) (S) (HD)

3.15 World's Sneakiest Animals
Creatures that deploy devious tactics to win a mate. (R) (S) (HD)

4.15pm Full Steam Ahead
Ruth Goodman, Peter Ginn and Alex Langlands learn how increased leisure time and affordable rail transport brought new freedom to working-class Victorians. (R) (S) (HD)

5.15 Porridge
Reg Urwin tries to take Mr Barrowclough hostage in this classic Christmas special from 1976. (R) (S)

6.00 Inside the Christmas Factory
Gregg Wallace, Cherry Healey and Ruth Goodman discover how traditional Christmas items are manufactured. Shown Tuesday 20th 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Christmas University Challenge
5/10. The fifth match in this series for distinguished alumni pits an Edinburgh University team including actress Rachael Stirling and geneticist Steve Jones against one from St Catharine's College. Next edition Christmas Day 6.45pm. (S) (HD)

7.30 Wild Tales from the Village
A remote village in the French countryside is the setting for this charming natural world documentary, revealing the variety of wildlife that is able to eke out an existence there. Repeated Christmas Day 12.55pm Signed repeat Fri 30th 3.30am (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Saving Mr Banks *****
Drama based on a true story. Film-maker Walt Disney is set on making a movie about magical nanny Mary Poppins but her creator, author PL Travers, is reluctant to allow Hollywood anywhere near the novel and refuses to sell the rights. (2013, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.30 Mock the Week
Festive compilation of the show from 2015, featuring favourite clips and previously unseen material. (R) (S) (HD)

11.05 Close to the Enemy
7/7. Kathy confronts Bergit about her activities, forcing her to see that her options are limited. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am And Now for Something Completely Different *****
A film anthology of choice sketches from Monty Python's Flying Circus. (1971, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.30-3.30am Sign Zone

1.30 Darcey Bussell: Looking for Margot
The Strictly judge examines the life and career of Dame Margot Fonteyn. Shown Tuesday 20th 10.45pm BBC1 (S) (AD)

2.30 Back in Time for Brlxtan
2/2. The Irwin family experiences life in the 1970s, 80s and 90s. (R) (S) (AD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain
With Cail the Midwife stars Charlotte Ritchie and Jack Ashton. (S) (HD)

8.30 Lorraine
Guests chat with Lorraine Kelly. (S) (HD)

9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show
Verbal spats. (S) (HD)

10.30 This Morning
Hosted today by Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langford. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD)

12.30pm Loose Women
Coronation Street actress Catherine Tyldesley in the studio. (S) (HD)

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News
Regional News; Weather (S)

2.00 Judge Rinder
Real-life legal disputes. (S) (HD)

3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal
From Wood Green in north London. (R) (S) (HD)

3.00 Coast vs Country
Following by Regional Weather

4.00-5.00 Tipping Point
Game show. (R) (S) (HD)

5.00pm The Chase
Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale
Cain goes to see Moira when Pete warns him that she may not be able to keep her story straight, only to find her destroying her home in a drunken rage. Zak and Lisa's plan to steal a Christmas tree brings back happy memories, and Jimmy buys a gift to get back into Nicola's good books - but doesn't get the reaction he hoped for. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Coronation Street
Aidan and Maria kiss passionately after he promises her that he's going to finish with Eva. They are unaware that Johnny is watching them. Leanne rolls at Nick for trying to upstage Peter over Simon's Christmas presents, and the police question Sarah about Bethany's disappearance. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug ***
Fantasy adventure starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. Bilbo Baggins marches on towards the Lonely Mountain flanked by Thorin and his band of dwarves. There he is destined to encounter the fire-breathing dragon Smaug, guardian of a precious, mystical stone that bestows great power on anyone who possesses it. (2013, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.00 ITV News
Regional News and Weather (S)

11.50 Paul O'Grady's Favourite Fairy Tales
The presenter and occasional pantomime dame visits Germany to explore the landscapes that inspired the Brothers Grimm fairy tales he adores. Walking through picturesque castles and villages that provided fictional settings for characters such as the Seven Dwarfs and Rapunzel, he explores the origins of tales such as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White and Sleeping Beauty and finds darkness as well as delight. Shown Tuesday 20th 9pm (S) (HD)

12.45am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.

3.00-6.00am Nightscreen
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Channel4

6.10am Everybody Loves Raymond
Double bill. (R) (S)

7.00 Frasier
Double bill of the US comedy. (R) (S)

7.55 The Big Bang Theory (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.15 The Simpsons
Double bill. (R) (S) (AD)

10.15 Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back **
Animated adventure. Evil alien leader Zartog takes over the chimps' Mission Control on Earth. (2009, U) (S) (W) (HD)

11.50 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
Floral artists make displays, wreaths and garlands. (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)

12.10pm Miracle on 34th Street
Fantasy. When a department store Santa Claus turns up for work drunk, an elderly gentleman calling himself Kris Kringle offers to stand in. (1947, U) (BW) (S) (CAD)

2.10 Countdown
The grand final. (S) (HD)

3.00 Coast vs Country
Seeking the perfect property for a semi-retired couple in east Scotland. (S) (HD)

4.00 Deal or No Deal on Tour
The tour ends at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Glasgow. (S) (AD) (HD)

5.00pm Four in a Bed
The owners learn what they were paid. (R) (S) (HD)

5.30 Come Dine with Me Christmas
The week's winner is announced. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 The Simpsons
Moe Goes from Rags to Riches. Moe's bar towel turns out to have a life of its own. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30 Hollyoaks
Scott's overt flirting with John Paul rises James. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News
Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

8.00 Food Unwrapped Does Christmas
As guest presenter chef Kiran Jethwa finds out how supermarkets can sell lobster for as little as a fiver, Matt Tebbutt looks at ways to prevent the Christmas turkey drying out. Kate Quilton explores the secrets of pink champagne, while Jimmy Doherty visits a chestnut festival. Repeated tomorrow 10.5am 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Last Leg Christmas Special
11/11 Series 9. Artist Grayson Perry joins Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker for a comic review of the significant moments of 2016. Repeated tomorrow 2.25am C4 (S) (HD)

10.00 The Windsors Christmas Special
The ghost of Christmas past, King George III, LLLI tries to get Willis to rescind the crown back to his father by showing him what fate has in store if he fails to do so. Repeated in two parts on Thursday 29 December 3.30am and Friday 30 December 3.55am (S) (HD)

11.05 Alan Carr's 12 Stars of Christmas
5/5. Melanie C, Richard Osman and Joe Lycett answer questions about the past 12 months, including one from choirmaster Gareth Malone. Repeated tomorrow 2am 4seven (S) (HD)

12.10am Eight out of Ten Cats Christmas Special
With guests Brad Simpson, James McVey, Róisín Conaty and Joe Wilkinson. Shown Wed 21st 10pm More4 (S) (HD)

12.55 Celebrity First Dates
Well-known faces including Esther Rantzen seek their perfect partners. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.50 The Best Man Holiday 5 ***
Comedy drama with Terrence Howard, Taye Diggs and Morris Chestnut. College friends get together for a reunion, but old rivalries and romances soon rear their heads. (2015, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

3.50 The Restoration Man
A couple work to transform a derelict flint mill in Stone, Staffordshire. (R) (S) (HD)

4.50 Best of Food Unwrapped
Jimmy Doherty is in Israel to find an elusive fruit. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

5.15 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (R) (S) (HD)

5.30-6.15am Countdown (R) (S) (HD)

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!

9.15 New. SpongeBob SquarePants
SpongeBob accidentally rips his pants. (S)

9.50 World's Strongest Man: The Viking Challenge
Shown yesterday 7pm (S) (HD)

10.45 Christmas Cookies **
Romantic drama starring Wes Brown and Jill Wagner. (2016) (S) (W) (HD)

12.25pm The Snow Queen **
Animated adventure based on the story by Hans Christian Andersen (2012, U) (S) (W)

2.00 Jack and the Beanstalk **
Comedy fantasy based on the classic tale, starring Colin Ford and Chloe Grace Moretz. (2010, U) (S) (W) (HD)

3.45pm Five Children and It **
Period fantasy. With their parents involved in the First World War. Five siblings are sent to the estate of an eccentric uncle. (2004, U) (S) (W) (HD)

5.25 A Christmas Star ***
Drama. A girl born at Christmas believes she has the power to perform miracles. So when the plans of a property developer threaten her village, she decides to use her gifts to stop him. (2015, U) (S) (W) (HD)

7.00 New. World's Strongest Man
The World Deadlift Championships from Leeds. With James Richardson, Sarah-Jane Crawford and Magnus Ver Magnusson. Repeated Boxing Day 11.15am (S) (HD) Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 Christmas with the Double Acts
Festive fun featuring some of the greatest double acts, including Morecambe and Wise, Ant and Dec, and the Two Ronnies. (S) (HD)

9.00 New. The Morecambe and Wise Story: Look Back in Laughter
Family and friends reveal the story of how two working class northern lads became one of the greatest comedy double acts ever to have graced British television. (S)

10.35 Morecambe & Wise Live! 1973
The duo's performance at the Ashcroft Theatre in Croydon's Fairfield Halls. (S)

11.55 The Peter Kay Story
An appreciation of the Bolton comedian. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (HD)


1.5am New. SuperCasino

3.10 The Funny Thing about Christmas
Shown Sat 17th 10.30pm (S) (HD)

4.00 Michael Buble at Christmas
Shown Sunday 18th 8pm (S) (HD)

4.45 Divine Designs (S) (SL)

5.10-6.00am House Doctor (S) (SL)



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3.45pm Channel5

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FESTIVE

Television

Christmas Eve



Splash ****
1.00pm BBC2



Penguins of Madagascar ***
4.50pm BBC1



Despicable Me ****
11.20am ITV1



The Muppet Christmas Carol ****
5.50pm Channel 4

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Roger Johnson, Naga Munchetty. (S) (HD)

10.00 Saturday Kitchen
John Torode is joined by chefs Theo Randall and Ollie Hercules, while actress Charlotte Ritchie faces her food heaven or hell. (S) (HD)

11.30 A Christmas Carol ***
Animated version of Charles Dickens's classic tale, with the voices of Jim Carrey, Colin Firth and Gary Oldman. (2009, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.00pm BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

1.15 Winter: Earth's Seasonal Secrets
How animals rise to the challenge of harsh weather. (AD) (S) (HD)

2.15 The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian ***
Fantasy sequel. The Pevensie children are summoned back to Narnia to help Prince Caspian fight the dark forces of the tyrannical Lord Miraz. Director Andrew Adamson (2008, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.30pm Shrek the Halls
Shrek settles down for a quiet Christmas, but his friends have other ideas. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.50 Penguins of Madagascar ***
Animated comedy. Resourceful penguins Skipper, Kowalski, Private and Rico team up with an undercover organisation to stop a malevolent mollusc from destroying the world. Directors Eric Darnell and Simon J Smith (2014, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.15 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Pointless Celebrities
Lesley Joseph and Duncan James, Faye Tozer and Bobby Davro, Joe Pasquale and Wendi Peters, and Natasha Hamilton and Keith Chegwin better keep an eye on what's behind them on this panto-themed episode. (S) (HD)

7.25 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show
The choir's traditional celebration by a special guest as he allows Michael to make merry with his mobile phone, but Nan (Catherine Tate) and Kevin the teenager (Harry Enfield) will perhaps be less keen to enter into the festive spirit. (S) (HD)

8.25 EastEnders
Phil is given some tough love by both Shirley and Denise, and Linda receives devastating family news. Writer Matt Evans. Satellite and cable viewers can watch a repeat at 11.20pm on W (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 David Walliams Celebrates Dame Shirley Bassey
The ever-glamorous singer performs some of the greatest hits from her formidable back catalogue in this mix of music, comedy and surprises introduced by a man who is one of her biggest fans. Signed repeat Tuesday 27th 12.20am BBC2 (S) (HD) Shirley Bassey at the BBC is at 1.25am on BBC4

10.05 Peter Kay's Christmas Comedy Shuffle
A mix of the comedian's best moments, featuring clips from Car Share and Phoenix Nights. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.50 The Vicar of Dibley
Winter. Alice suggests an unconventional Nativity play starring herself and Hugo as Mary and Joseph. (R) (S)

11.30 BBC News Weather (S) (HD) Followed by **National Lottery Update** (S)

11.45 Midnight Mass from St Chad's Catholic Cathedral
A live service led by the Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev Bernard Langley. (S) (HD)

1.00am Surviving Christmas *
Comedy with Ben Affleck. A wealthy advertising executive pays a family to let him spend the holiday season with them as their son. (2004,12) (S) (W) (HD)

2.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

2.30-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.15am Mars Needs Moms **
Animated comedy. A boy tries to rescue his mother when Martians abduct her. Director Simon Wells (2011, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

7.40 The NFL Show
With Mark Chapman. (R) (S) (HD)

8.10 Hans Christian Andersen ****
Biographical drama about the children's author, starring Danny Kaye. Director Charles Vidor (1952, U) (S) (HD)

10.00 Robot Wars
The final of the series in which radio-controlled robots battle. (R) (S) (HD)

11.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave
The animated duo become mixed up in sheep rustling. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen
A juicy and spiced roast turkey, pancetta and chestnut sprouts, and a vodka flamed Christmas pudding. (R) (S) (AD)

12 noon The Cook Who Changed Our Lives
Nigella Lawson profiles cook and food writer Anna del Conte. Shown Thursday 22nd 6.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00pm Splash ****
Romantic fantasy comedy. A mermaid saves the young Allen Bauer from drowning, and years later seeks him out in New York. Director Ron Howard (1984, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

2.45-3.45 Snow White: A Penguin's Tale
The first months in the life of an emperor penguin. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.45pm Gorilla Family and Me 1/2.
Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan travels to the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he spends time with a family of Grauer's gorillas. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.45 2/2. When Gordon is reunited with his gorilla family, he is disturbed to find that they face a new threat as there are poachers in the forest. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.45 Carols from King's
The choir's traditional celebration from the chapel of King's College, Cambridge opens with a soloist singing Once in Royal David's City. Rptd tomorrow 11.40am (S) (HD)

7.00 Dad's Army
Battle of the Giants. Embarrassed by his lack of medals while on parade, Mainwaring challenges a rival platoon to a test of stamina and initiative. (R) (S)

8.00 Alan Bennett's Diaries
Inspired by the recent publication of his latest volume of memories, this candid profile of the much-loved writer captures his busy life, from New York to his local library in London's Primrose Hill and in the Yorkshire village he calls home. Signed repeat Wednesday 28th 1am (S) (HD)

9.00 The Lady in the Van ***
Comedy drama. London,1970: when writer Alan Bennett allowed bag lady Miss Mary Shepherd to park her van (and home) in the driveway of his townhouse, little did he know that the arrangement would last for 15 years. Director Nicholas Hytner (2015,12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing with sign language Wednesday 28th 2am

10.40 The National Lottery
The all-important winning numbers are revealed. (S) (HD)

10.50 Christmas TOTP2 Special
Mark Radcliffe presents a festive selection from the BBC vaults, featuring Blur, Slade, the Pretenders, Wham!, East 17, Katie Melua and Kate Bush. (R) (S)

12.20am Viva Las Vegas ****
Musical starring Elvis Presley. Young racing driver Lucky Jackson arrives in Las Vegas with dreams of winning the city's grand prix. (1964, U) (S) (W) (HD)

1.40-3.40am Sign Zone
1.40 Countryfile From Bamburgh Castle. Shown Sunday 18th 5.40pm BBC1 (S)

2.40 Holby City A blast from the past upsets Dom's plans for festivities with Isaac. (S) (AD)

ITV1

6.00am CITV

8.25 Weekend at Christmas
Katherine Parkinson, Craig Charles, Mark Benton and Pixie Geldof guest. (S) (HD)

9.25 Thunderbirds Are Go
The team must stop a swarm of malfunctioning weather drones. (S)

9.50 The Chase
Quiz with Bradley Walsh. (R) (S) (HD)

10.50 You've Been Framed! With Bells On
A pensioner throws fireworks at carol singers. (R) (S)

11.20 Despicable Me ****
Animated comedy with the voice of Steve Carell. Super-criminal Gru plots his biggest heist: to steal the Moon. (2010, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.20pm ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S)

1.30-4.20 Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone ****
Harry Potter is offered a place at the Hogwarts boarding school for wizards and embarks on a life filled with magic. Director Chris Columbus (2001, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.20pm One Hundred and One Dalmatians ****
Disney's classic animated adventure. Canine couple Roger and Anita try to save their puppies from the evil Cruella De Vil. Directors Wolfgang Peterle and Hamilton S Luske and Clyde Geronimi (1960, U) (S) (W)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S)

6.15 ITV News Weather (S)

6.30 Blankety Blank
David Williams hosts a one-off game show special. Series producer Anna Meadows; Executive producers Suzy Lamb and Tim Dean. Repeated Wednesday 28th 5.30pm (S) (HD)

7.30 Coronation Street
Will Maria be spending Christmas behind bars? Writer Chris Fewtrell. Repeated ITV2 tomorrow 6.55am and 12.35pm (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Birds of a Feather
There's a girl in My Souk. After Travis goes missing in Morocco, Sharon, Tracey and Dorien head off to ensure he makes it home for the holidays. Writers Laurence Marks, Maurice Gran, Gary Lawson and John Phelps; Director Martin Dennis; Producer Matthew Mulot (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Grantchester
When a woman reports the disappearance of her husband-to-be, Sidney and Geordie pick through the murky circumstances behind the winter wedding. The would-be groom is then found dead with the wedding rings stuffed in his mouth. Writer Daisy Coulam; Series producer Emma Kingsman-Lloyd. Director Edward Bennett (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Through the Keyhole
Keith Lemon rummages round three celebrity abodes before Shayne Ward, Kelly Brook and Johnny Vegas try to identify the owners. Director Toby Baker; Series producer Arron Fersht. Repeated Boxing Day 11.55pm (S) (HD)

11.30 ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather (S)

11.45 Christmas Carols on ITV
From St Chad's Church in Rochdale. Director Matthew Woodward; Producer Karen Gabay (S) (HD)

12.40am All Star Mr & Mrs Christmas
Special With Emmerdale's Dominic Brunt. Shown Sunday 18th (S) (HD)

1.30 Carry On Loving **
Comedy starring Sidney James, Kenneth Williams and Charles Hawtrey. Director Gerald Thomas (1970, PG) (S) (AD) (W)

3.05-6.00am Nightscreen Text information. (HD)

Channel4

6.15am Olive, the Other Reindeer
Cartoon caper about a dog who sets out to save Christmas. (R) (S)

7.05 A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures ***
Animated adventure in which an old turtle reflects on his life. Director Ben Stassen (2010, U) (S) (W) (HD)

8.40 Father Christmas
Acclaimed animation, based on Raymond Briggs book, that reveals what Santa does for the other 364 days of the year. Rptd tomorrow 11.20am (R) (S)

9.10 Painting the Bear Hunt 1/3.
The making of We're Going on a Bear Hunt, showing tonight at 7.30pm. (S)

9.15 Christmas Brunch
With guests Tom Fletcher, Bill Turnbull, Emilia Fox and James Acaster. (S) (HD)

12.15pm Jamie's Ultimate Christmas
Tips for perfect turkey. Shown Monday 19th 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.15-2.45 The Simpsons
Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD)

2.45pm Scrooged ***
Comedy starring Bill Murray. Three ghosts set out to change the mean-spirited ways of a TV network president. (1988, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.40 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

4.45 The Snowman
Atmospheric and poignant animation, based on the Raymond Briggs book. Rptd tomorrow 11.50am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.15 The Snowman and the Snowdog
A boy makes a snowman and a snowdog that magically come to life. Rptd tomorrow 4.55pm (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.50 The Muppet Christmas Carol ****
Comedy fantasy starring Michael Caine. The puppets' inimitable interpretation of Charles Dickens's tale. (1992, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

7.30 We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Animated adventure based on the book by Michael Rosen. A family must overcome many obstacles when they set off in search of bears. Rptd tomorrow 5.25pm C4 and Boxing Day 3.15pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Gogglesprogs Christmas Special
The discerning young viewers watch Strictly Come Dancing. First Dates and Planet Earth II. Rptd tomorrow 8pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special
Kathy Burke and Sean Lock take on Russell Howard and Jon Richardson. Jimmy Carr hosts. Rptd Tue 27 December 11.35pm (S) (HD)

10.00 Rude Tube's Christmas Cracker
Alex Zane introduces 50 seasonal clips. Rptd tomorrow 2.05am C4 and Boxing Day 12.10pm 4seven (S) (HD)

11.00 Trigger Happy Christmas Special
Dom Joly's prankster comedy returns. (S) (HD)

11.30 The Inbetweeners
1/6 Series 2. The Field Trip. The infamous geography field trip to Swanage approaches.

12.05am 2/6. Work Experience
A work-experience mix-up is a total disaster for Will.

12.35 4/6. Night Out in London
The lads' night out clubbing doesn't quite go to plan.

1.00 1/6 Series 3. The Fashion Show
Carli organises a charity fashion show. (R) (S) (SL) (AD)

1.30 Friday Night Dinner
1/6 Series 4. Dad accidentally invites a man he hates to dinner. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.55 2/6. Dad spills oil on the carpet. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.25 The Last Leg Christmas Special
11/11 Series 9. Grayson Perry guests. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (HD)

3.20 My Crazy Christmas Lights
The phenomenon of competitive festive displays. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.10 Location, Location, Location (R) (S) (HD)

5.55am The Restoration Man (R) (S) (HD)

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!

8.30 New, SpongeBob SquarePants (S)

9.05 Doctor Zhivago ****
Epic romantic drama with Omar Sharif. Against the backdrop of the Great War and the Russian Revolution, a couple's romance is disrupted by the social upheaval surrounding them. Director David Lean (1965, PG) (S) (W)

12.50pm The Vikings
Adventure starring Tony Curtis and Kirk Douglas. Eric, a young slave, makes a bitter enemy of Einar, warrior son of the feared Viking leader, Ragnar. Director Richard Fleischer (1958, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

3.05pm Jason and the Argonauts
Fantasy adventure starring Todd Armstrong. Jason embarks on a fantastic voyage to find the Golden Fleece that will enable him to reclaim the throne that is rightfully his. Director Don Chaffey (1963, U) (S) (W)

5.10 Scrooge ****
Celebrated version of Dickens's tale. On Christmas Eve, a mean businessman is visited by three ghosts who remind him of the spirit of the season. Director Brian Desmond-Hurst (1951, U) (BW) (S) (HD)

6.55 New, André Rieu: Christmas in London
The violinist and conductor is joined by soloists and the Johann Strauss Orchestra for carols and seasonal classics. Director Pit Weyrich. First shown on Sky Arts (S) (HD)

8.00 New, The Yorkshire Vet

12/12 Series 3. The vets are asked to find a donkey for a nativity scene. Directors/Producers David Terry and Laura Blair. Repeated Friday 30th 3.10am (S) (HD)

9.00 New, Eamonn and Ruth: a Million Pound Christmas
The most expensive gifts, including £20,000-a-sheet cracker wrapping paper. Director/Producer Victoria Watts. Repeated Friday 30th 4am (S) (HD)

10.00 Greatest Ever Christmas Movies
Classics such as White Christmas and It's a Wonderful Life figure in this countdown. Executive producers Matt Crook, Andrew Newman and Emma Clarke (S) (HD)

12.55am FILM Scrooge ****
Colourised version of Dickens's tale, starring Alastair Sim. (1951, U) (S) (HD)

2.25 New, SuperCasino

4.00 The Trafford Centre: Countdown to Christmas
Shown Wednesday 21st 9pm (S) (HD)

4.50-5.20am House Doctor (S) (SL)



Scrooge ****
5.10pm Channel5

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FESTIVE

Television

Christmas Day



The Cat in the Hat ★★
7.35am BBC2



Frozen ★★
3.10pm BBC1



King Kong ★★
1.30am ITV1

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
With Naga Munchetty. (S) (HD)
9.00 CBeebies' The Nutcracker
First shown CBeebies (S) (AD) (HD)
9.45 Legend of the Boneknapper Dragon (R) (S) (HD)
10.00 LIVE Christmas Day Service: From Bristol Cathedral
Traditional Holy Communion service, with a mass setting of Mozart's Missa Brevis in B flat. (S) (HD)
11.00 Songs of Praise: Christmas Big Sing
Carols with Aled Jones, Gareth Malone and Laura Mvula. (S) (HD)
11.40 BBC News (S) (HD)
11.50 The Croods ★★
Animation. A prehistoric family searches for a new home. (2013, u) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
1.20pm Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas
Llamas cause trouble. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.50 Top of the Pops Christmas
With top acts of the year and the Christmas number one. (S) (HD)
2.50 BBC News (S) (HD)
3.00 The Queen
Her Majesty's address to the nation and the Commonwealth. Signed rpt 5.30pm BBC2 (S) (HD)
3.10pm Frozen ★★
Disney animated adventure. Queen Elsa plunges the land of Arendelle into permanent winter. Press red for sing-along lyrics. (2013, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
4.45 The Great Christmas Bake off
1/2. Previous contestants Mary-Anne (series two), Ali (series four), Cathryn (series three) and Norman (series five) return to the tent to face three festive challenges. More tomorrow 7pm. Rptd tomorrow 11.30am; signed rpt Thu 29th 1.30am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)
5.45 Doctor Who The Return of Doctor Mysterio
As brain swapping aliens prepare to attack New York, the Doctor and Nardole link up with an investigative reporter and a masked superhero. Signed repeat Thursday 29th 2.30am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)
6.45 Strictly Come Dancing
Past contestants Ainsley Harriott, Gethin Jones, Pamela Stephenson, Denise Lewis, Melvin Odoom and Frankie Bridge compete and pay tribute to Christmas movies. Matt Goss performs. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00 Call the Midwife
As Poplar enjoys a white Christmas, the staff of Nonnatus House respond to an SOS call from a tiny mission hospital in South Africa. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.30 EastEnders
Any hopes of a merry Christmas seem slim with Phil's health deteriorating rapidly. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys Mammy's Forest
Agnes refuses to have a Christmas tree this year. (S) (HD)
11.00 The Best of Tracey Ullman's Show
Highlights from the comedy sketch show. (S) (HD)
11.30 BBC News (s) (HD)
11.45 On Christmas Night
Don Warrington reads the bible story of the shepherds' visit to the Christ Child. (S) (HD)
11.50 Would I Lie to You at Christmas?
Shown Monday 19th 8.30pm (S) (HD)
12.20am Have I Got a Bit More 2016 News for You
Revised rpt from Friday 23rd 9pm (S) (HD)
1.05 Citizen Khan
Shown Friday 23rd 8.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)
1.35 While You Were Sleeping ★★
Romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman. A woman masquerades as the girlfriend of a man in a coma. (1995, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
3.10 Weather (S) (HD)
3.15-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.40am Countryfile
Shown Sunday 18th 5.40pm BBC1 (S) (HD)
7.35 The Cat in the Hat ★★
Fantasy adventure based on the popular children's book by Dr Seuss. (2003, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
8.50 Tom Thumb ★★
Fantasy musical based on the classic fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm. Director George Pal (1958, U) (S) (W)
10.20 Bee Movie ★★
Animated comedy. A bee breaks the law when he talks to a human. (2007, U) (S) (W) (HD)
11.40 Carols from King's Traditional celebration from Cambridge
Shown yesterday 5.45pm (S) (HD)
12.55pm Wild Tales from the Village
Observing red squirrels, wild boar edible dormice and stone martens. Shown Fri 23rd 7.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)
1.55 The Good Life
Tom and Barbara's self-sufficient Christmas is expanded to include Margo and Jerry. (R) (S)
2.25-4.00 The Artist ★★
Silent romantic drama starring Jean Dujardin and B  n  ce Delo. With silent movies giving way to the talkies, the future looks less bright for a matinee idol. (2011, PG) (BW) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
4.00pm Dancing the Nutcracker: Inside the Royal Ballet
Behind the scenes of the ballet company, charting the three months leading up to the opening of this year's production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker. (S) (AD) (HD)
5.30 The Queen
Her Majesty's annual address. Shown 3pm BBC1 (S) (SL)
5.40 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show
A festive edition from 1976 with guests Elton John, Des O'Connor, John Thaw, Dennis Waterman, Angela Rippon, Kate O'Mara and the Nolans. (R) (S)
The duo appear on The Good Old Days tomorrow 10pm BBC4
6.45 Christmas University Challenge
6/10. The penultimate first-round match. A team from Magdalene College, Cambridge, which includes radio and TV presenter Clemency Burton-Hill and director Mike Newell, test their wits against a side from St Hilda's College, Oxford. Next edition tomorrow 6.20pm. (S) (HD)
7.15 Blackadder's Christmas Carol
On Christmas Eve 1850, the kindly Ebenezer Blackadder receives a visit from his loathsome ancestors. (R) (S) (AD)
8.00 Dad's Army Turkey Dinner
Can Captain Mainwaring really be a softie at heart? The struggling senior citizens of Walmington-on-Sea are about to find out. (R) (S)
8.30 Gospel Christmas
Singer and musical theatre star Beverley Knight and US jazz and soul singer Gregory Porter introduce a feast of uplifting festive music from the British gospel scene at the Church of St John-at-Hackney in London. Repeated tomorrow 12.25am (S) (HD)
9.30 Victorian Bakers at Christmas
Four professional bakers rustle up favourite festive offerings from a revolutionary era in food. Repeated tomorrow 3.30pm. Signed repeat Friday 30th 2.30am (S) (AD) (HD)
10.30 QI XL
Josh Widdicombe, Susan Calman and Matt Lucas answer questions on Noel. Shown Thursday 22nd 10pm (Revised repeat) (S) (HD)
11.15 Great Expectations ★★
Adaptation of the Dickens classic. Orphan Pip goes on a life-changing journey. (2012, 12) (S) (AD) (VU) (HD)
1.15-2.40am A Hard Day's Night ★★
Musical comedy. The Beatles set off for London, where they are due to take part in a live TV show. But the antics of Paul's mischievous grandfather throw the performance into jeopardy. (1964, U) (BW) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am CITV
8.25 Weekend at Christmas
Rosemary Shrager guests, and there's music from Vaults. (S) (HD)
9.25 Countrywise: Guide to Britain
Visiting the Delamere Forest, Cheshire. Shown Thu 22nd 8.30pm (S) (HD)
9.55 Despicable Me 2 ★★
Animated comedy sequel. The Anti-Villain league recruits former supervillain Gru to lead an investigation. (2013, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.55 Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ★★
Fantasy. Have the dark forces of Lord Voldemort returned to Hogwarts? (2002, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
3.00 The Queen
Her Majesty's address to the nation and the Commonwealth. (S) (HD)
3.10pm The Lion King ★★
Disney's Oscar-winning animated musical adventure. Simba, a lion cub born to be king, learns to accept the burdens that come with his birthright. (1994, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
4.55 ITV News (S)
5.15 You've Been Framed! Harry's Naughty List
Featuring a Nativity play wrecked by a drone. Repeated tomorrow 8pm (S)
5.45 Emmerdale
An unexpected recording ruins the Dingle Christmas. Rptd ITV2 tomorrow 7.50am and 1.40pm (S) (AD) (HD)
6.45 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas
Mr O tries to get a royal seal of approval and a new home for Henry, a shih tzu. He also meets Butch, whose tearful homeless owner wants to protect him from living outdoors in the winter. Repeated Wednesday 28th 4.25pm (S) (HD)
7.45 ITV News (s)
8.00 Coronation Street
Leonne is thrilled when Toyah returns to the cobbles. Rptd ITV2 tomorrow 8.55am and 2.40pm (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00 Maigret's Dead Man
The return of the drama starring Rowan Atkinson. A series of vicious, murderous attacks on three wealthy farms in Picardy make headlines and the elite Brigade Criminelle at the Quai Des Orfevres is called upon to lend its expertise in tracking down the gang. But Maigret goes his own way, investigating the murder of an obscure, anonymous Parisian. (S) (AD) (HD)
11.00 Love Actually ★★
In London, during the weeks leading up to Christmas, people suffer the emotional highs and lows of being in love. (2003, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
1.30am King Kong ★★
Period fantasy adventure with Naomi Watts, Jack Black and Adrien Brody. (2005, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
4.25-6.00am Nightscreen
Text information. (HD)



Despicable Me 2 ★★
9.55am ITV1

Channel4

5.55am Prep & Landing
Double bill. (R) (S) (HD)
6.40 The Bear
Animation. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
7.10 Painting the Bear Hunt
2/3. Behind the scenes of We're Going on a Bear Hunt, showing tonight at 5.25pm. (S)
7.15 Animals United ★★
Animated adventure. Animals join forces to warn humans about the danger of tampering with nature. (2010, U) (S) (W) (HD)
8.55 The Simpsons
Four episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
10.50 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
11.15 Painting the Bear Hunt
3/3. More insights. (S)
11.20 Father Christmas (R) (S)
11.50 The Snowman (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.20pm The Sword in the Stone ★★
Disney animation based on the legend of King Arthur. (1963, U) (S) (W)
2.05 The Alternative Christmas Message
Channel 4's counterpart to the Queen's annual broadcast. (S)
2.20pm It's a Wonderful Life ★★
Frank Capra's classic fantasy drama. George Bailey is a businessman who believes he has been a failure. Contemplating suicide, he meets his guardian angel and learns what life would have been like had he never lived. (1946, U) (BW) (S) (HD)
4.55 The Snowman and the Snowdog
Charming animated sequel to The Snowman. A boy makes a snowman and a snowdog that magically come to life. Shown yesterday 5.15pm Repeated 7.35pm E4 (S) (AD) (HD)
5.25 We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Animated adventure based on Michael Rosen's children's story about a family's troubled quest. Shown yesterday 7.30pm Rptd Boxing Day 3.15pm (Seven) (S) (AD) (HD)
6.00 Home Alone ★★
Comedy. Eight-year-old Kevin McCallister's wish to be free of his family is realised when they accidentally set off without him for a Christmas break in Paris. (1990, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
8.00 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Florence
Actress Rebel Wilson joins Richard Ayoode on a rapid-fire tour of the Italian city. Repeated 2.30am (Seven) and tomorrow 12.00am C4 (S) (HD)
9.00 Gogglebox 2016
A look back at some of the highlights of this year's series, featuring regulars Leon and June, Christopher and Stephen, and the Michaels family. Repeated 1.05am (Seven) and Tuesday 27 December 10pm C4 (S) (AD) (HD)
10.30 Alan Carr's Christmas Chatty Man
The host is joined by guests Tom Daley, Gary Barlow, Danni Minogue and Martin Kemp, with music from Emeli Sand   and Robbie Williams. (S) (HD)
12.35am Four Christmases ★★
Comedy starring Reese Witherspoon and Vince Vaughn. The mix of Christmas and relations presents a challenge for Kate and Brad, who are forced to visit all of their four divorced parents on Christmas Day. (2008, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
2.05 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker
Seasonal clips from the internet. Shown yesterday 10pm (S) (HD)
3.05 Very British Problems at Christmas
With James Corden, Catherine Tate and David Tennant. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.00 Location, Location, Location
Phil and Kirstie scour the south-west London property market. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)
5.00 Supershoppers
Winter fashion. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
5.25-6.25am The Restoration Man
Transforming two cow barns in Wellington, Herefordshire. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel5

5.20am Milkshake!
7.35 An American in Paris ★★
Musical starring Gene Kelly. An American painter living in Paris falls in love with a poor orphan. (1951, U) (S) (W) (HD)
9.50 On the Town ★★
Classic musical starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Three sailors enjoy a day in New York. (1949, U) (S) (W) (HD)
11.50 Scrooge ★★
Musical adaptation of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol. Starring Albert Finney, Alec Guinness, Edith Evans and Kenneth More. (1970, U) (S) (W) (HD)
2.10pm The Wizard of Oz ★★
Classic musical fantasy starring Judy Garland and Ray Bolger When a huge tornado hits Dorothy's home in Kansas, she is whisked off far away into a strange and dazzling world. (1939, U) (S) (W) (HD)
4.10pm Singin' in the Rain ★★
Classic musical. Silent film stars Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are the golden couple of 1920s Hollywood. But when 'talkies' arrive, prima donna Lina is shown up by the new technology and aspiring actress Kathy Selden is called in to dub her voice. (1952, U) (S)
6.15 Britain's Favourite Xmas Songs
Including the Jackson 5's Santa Claus Is Coming to Town; Mud's Lonely This Christmas; Jona Lewie's Stop the Cavalry; and, of course, Fairytale of New York by the Pogues with Kirsty McColl. (S)
8.30 New When Celebrities Go Pop
A countdown of the 40 most memorable records by celebrities, featuring Mr T, Katie Price, Vinnie Jones, Sam Fox and an assortment of soap stars. (S) (HD)
10.30 Dallas Buyers Club ★★
Drama based on a true story. In the mid-1980s, a macho rodeo rider is stunned to discover he is HIV-positive. He researches the illness, and soon becomes convinced that a new, experimental treatment is the most effective way to prolong his life. (2013,15) (S) (W) (HD)
12.45am Greatest Ever Christmas Songs (S) (HD)
1.10 New SuperCasino
3.10 Chris Tarrant: On the Xmas Express
Shown Mon 19th at 9pm (S) (HD)
4.00 Now That's Funny! (S) (SL) (HD)
4.50-5.40am House Doctor (S) (SL)



The Wizard of Oz ★★
2.10pm Channel5

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FESTIVE Television

Tuesday 27th December



The Heroes of Telemark ***
1.05pm BBC2



Raiders of the Lost Ark *****
1.35pm BBC1



Happy Feet ****
2.10pm ITV1



The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo ****
12.40am Channel 4

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
With Louise Minchin. (S) (HD)
7.35 Match of the Day
Shown yesterday 10.55pm (S) (HD)
9.10 Gnomeo & Juliet ***
Animated romantic tale with the voices of James McAvoy and Emily Blunt. (2011, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
10.25 The Furchester Hotel: A Furchester Christmas
Big Bird and Count Von Count visit Elmo for Christmas. First shown on CBeebies (S) (AD) (HD)
10.50 Cars 2 ***
Animation. Lightning McQueen is challenged to race in the World Grand Prix. (2011, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.30pm BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
12.50 The Moonstone
2/5. Sergeant Cuff is called to Yorkshire by Franklin. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
RED BUTTON 1.10-3.50 Six Nations Replay Full repeated coverage of the 2016 decider between France and England.
1.35 Raiders of the Lost Ark *****
Adventure starring Harrison Ford. Indiana Jones faces a battle with Nazis as he searches for the legendary Ark of the Covenant. Director Steven Spielberg (1981, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
3.25-3.50 The Gruffalo's Child
Sequel to the animated adaptation of The Gruffalo. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.50pm Mr Peabody & Sherman *****
Animated sci-fi adventure. Super-intelligent dog Mr Peabody and his adopted boy Sherman use their time machine to experience great moments in history. Director Rob Minkoff (2013, U) (S) (W) (HD)
5.15 Pointless
Quiz show presented by Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)
6.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
6.30 Revolving Rhymes
2/2. Jack loves his next-door neighbour Cindy, but after she meets an eligible prince at the ball and he is distracted by a giant beanstalk, finding true love seems unlikely. (S) (AD) (HD)
7.00 The Marvelous World of Roald Dahl Is Friday 30th 5.30pm BBC2
8.00 Celebrity Mastermind
Graeme Swann, Kate Bottley, Janice Long and Paul Carrack compete. More Thursday 29th 7pm. (S) (HD)
7.30 EastEnders
Max tries to build bridges with his family. Writer Leo Richardson. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00 Holly City
Just Get On with It. As Mr T's wedding day approaches, Mo tries to suppress her true feelings. Writer Simon Norman; Producer Kate Hall. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00 The Witness for the Prosecution
2/2. Leonard's belief that Romaine could prove his innocence looks like being his undoing. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.00 Walliams and Friend
6/6. In an extended episode, Hugh Bonneville partners with David Walliams. Hugh plays Lord Sugar, dishing out the hardest ever Apprentice tasks, and even the Countess of Grantham in her new commercial. (S) (HD)
10.40 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) Followed by National Lottery Update (S)
11.00 Mrs Brown's Boys
Buckin' Mammy. Agnes finds festive spirit lacking when the family disobey games night's rules. (R) (S) (HD)
11.35 Outnumbered
On a special Boxing Day mission, the Brockmans encounter all manner of problems. (S) (AD) (HD)
12.15am Fleabag
3/6. Fleabag helps her brother-in-law to shop for a present. (R) (S) (HD)
12.45 4/6. Claire takes Fleabag to an all-female silent retreat. Continues tomorrow 12.25am. (R) (S) (HD)
1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)
1.20-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

5.50am Natural World
The work of dedicated staff at an animal hospital in Guatemala. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
6.50-7.50 Sign Zone
Fern Britton Meets... 4/4 Singer Rebecca Ferguson discusses her Christmas album. (R) (S)
7.50 Herbie Rides Again ***
Comedy sequel to The Love Bug, starring Helen Hayes. Director Robert Stevenson (1974, U) (S) (W) (HD)
9.15 This Farming Life
The arrival of spring leaves John needing to hire extra workers. (R) (S) (HD)
10.15 Money for Nothing
Sarah Moore finds items in Greater Manchester and Surrey. (S) (HD)
11.15 The Password is Courage ***
War drama based on the exploits of PoW Charles Coward. Director Andrew L Stone (1962, U) (BW) (S) (W)
1.05pm The Heroes of Telemark ***
Wartime thriller starring Kirk Douglas. A team of resistance fighters try to stop the Nazis producing an atomic bomb. Director Anthony Mann (1965, U) (S) (W)
3.15 Nature's Weirdest Events
Shown yesterday 7.15am (S) (HD)
4.00-5.00 Inside the Factory
Examining the production and history of chocolate. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
5.00pm Tribes, Predators and Me
1/3. Wildlife film-maker Gordon Buchanan joins a Waorani tribal family in Ecuador's Amazon jungle. Part two tomorrow 5pm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
6.00 New Zealand: Earth's Mythical Islands
1/3. Cast Afloat. The island chain of New Zealand is one of the most geologically active countries in the world. The indigenous wildlife has taken its own course through evolution, and the ancient forests are still stalked by predators from the Jurassic era. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
7.00 Dad's Army
For the Love of Three Oranges. Mainwaring bids against Pike for an orange at a fundraising bazaar, and the pip-squeak reveals a stubborn streak. (R) (S)
7.30 Christmas University Challenge
8/10. The famous university alumni take part in the first of the semi-finals in the Christmas-themed quiz. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions. (S) (HD)
8.00 Gordon Buchanan: Elephant Family and Me
2/2. Gordon Buchanan returns to Kenya to follow baby elephant Wiva and her family in the height of the dry season. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00 The Real Marigold on Tour: Florida
1/2. Inspired by their recent stay in India, Miriam Margulies, Wayne Sleep, Bobby George and Rosemary Shrager try out other locations in which to retire, starting with Florida. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.00 Inside No 9: the Devil of Christmas
Sardonic seasonal comedy drama with a twist. In 1977 Julian arrives in an Austrian village for a holiday with his family on Krampusnacht. Good children will be given gifts from St Nicholas while the bad ones are punished by the demonic Krampus. Director Graeme Harper. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.30 Live at the Apollo
In the Christmas special from 2015, Nina Conti introduces routines by Tanyalee Davis, Hal Crutten and Josh Widdicombe. (R) (S) (HD)
11.00 Insert Name Here
1/6 Series 2. Sue Perkins returns with a seasonal edition of the comedy panel game. (S) (HD)
11.30 NFL This Week
Action from the latest fixtures. (S)
12.20-3.25am Sign Zone
12.20 David Walliams Celebrates Dame Shirley Bassey (S)
1.25 Planet Earth II
6/6. Footage of wild animals that live in cities. (S) (AD)
2.25 Who Do You Think You Are? (S) (AD)

ITV1

6.00am CITV
9.25 The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas ***
Comedy prequel starring Mark Addy. Director Brian Levant (2000, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.05 This Time Next Year
6/6. Three truck drivers battling the bulge. Shown Wednesday 21st 8pm (S) (HD)
12.05pm Tipping Point
With Ben Shephard. (R) (S) (HD)
1.05 ITV Lunchtime News Weather (S)
1.10 Puppy Secrets: the First Six Months
1/2. The lives of four litters. Part two tomorrow 1.15pm. (R) (S) (HD)
2.10-4.10 Happy Feet ****
Musical animated adventure. Emperor penguins find their soul mate through their "heart song". Unfortunately for Mumble, he can't sing, but he can tap dance brilliantly. Director George Miller (2006, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
4.10pm 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments
Robbie Coltrane counts down the best scenes from JK Rowling's saga, as voted for by the public. Director Chris Hill; Producer Jen Cockburn (R) (S) (HD)
5.40 Fantastic Beasts and JK Rowling's Wizarding World
Warwick Davis explores the popularity of JK Rowling's fantasy world, with access to the cast of Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them. Producer Leo Burley; Exec producer Emma Hindley (R) (S) (HD)
6.40 ITV Evening News Weather (S)
7.00 Emmerdale
Liv finds out where Joanie is from Kerry's phone. (S) (AD) (HD)
7.30 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ****
It's Harry Potter's fourth year at Hogwarts and difficult times lie ahead. He's forced to risk his life after being mysteriously entered into the Triwizard Tournament, in which representatives of three top schools must compete in a series of dangerous tasks. But when tragedy strikes, Harry fears the worst. Could the evil Lord Voldemort really have returned? Director Mike Newell (2005, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
10.30 ITV News Weather (S)
10.45 Pompeii with Michael Buerk
The journalist presents a dramatic new look at the ancient Roman city in all its former glory. The latest technology is used to create a detailed 3D representation of Pompeii, and the reality of daily life for its inhabitants is also explored to reveal what a night out in the town involved and the brutality of the gladiatorial games in the amphitheatre. (S) (HD)
11.45 Rugby Union
Premiership highlights including Harlequins v Gloucester at Twickenham, Exeter Chiefs v Leicester Tigers and Wasps v Bath. (S) (HD)
12.35am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 Nightscreen
Text information. (HD)
5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show
(R) (S) (SL) (HD)



The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas ***
9.25am ITV1

Channel4

5.20am Paws ***
Comedy adventure starring Billy Connolly as the voice of a computer-literate Jack Russell terrier. Director Karl Zwicky (1997, U) (S) (W) (HD)
6.50 Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer *
Comedy. Schoolgirl Judy spends the summer with her dreadful aunt. Director John Schultz (2011, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
8.30 Magic in the Water ***
Fantasy adventure. A girl claims to have seen the local sea monster. Director Rick Stevenson (1995, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
10.30 The Simpsons
Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
11.30 Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen ***
High-school comedy starring Lindsay Lohan. Director Sara Sugarman (2004, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
1.15pm LIVE Racing
At Chepstow, the Welsh Grand National at 2.40, plus starts at 1.25, 2.00 and 3.15. Races at Kempton Park at 1.45, 2.20 and 3.30. (S) (HD)
4.15-4.20 News (S) (HD)
4.20pm Stuart Little ***
Part-animated fantasy adventure based on EB White's children's story. The Littles want to adopt a younger brother for their son, George. At the orphanage they are charmed by a young mouse called Stuart, and decide to take him home. Director Rob Minkoff (1999, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
6.00 The Simpsons
The D'oh-cial Network. Lisa creates a social network that takes the town by storm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
6.30 Hollyoaks
Leah continues to torment Ryan and Amy. Writer Steven Gay. The next episode follows on E4. (S) (AD) (HD)
7.00 Posh Paws at Christmas
Boss James takes his team for an ice-breaking Christmas excursion with jewellery expert Ian. (S) (HD)
8.00 Amazing Spaces Snow Special
Architect George Clarke is joined by designer Will Hardie on a tour across the mountain ranges of Western Canada. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00 This Is Us
14/18. The Pool. Rebecca and Jack take their three children to the community pool and realise that each of them is facing their own struggles. Kate has a crisis of confidence after she and Toby bump into his ex-wife at a restaurant. In New York, Kevin auditions for his first Broadway play. (S) (HD)
10.00 Gogglebox 2016
A look at some highlights of this year's series. (S) (AD) (HD)
11.35 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special
Kathy Burke and Sean Lock take on Russell Howard and Jon Richardson. Joe Lycett also guests. Shown Christmas Eve 9pm (S) (HD)
12.40am The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo ****
Crime thriller starring Michael Nyqvist and Noomi Rapace. Convicted of libel, journalist Mikael Blomkvist agrees to take on one last job before beginning his prison sentence. The assignment brings him into contact with troubled computer hacker Lisbeth Salander and as the pair join forces, he soon discovers she is battling demons of her own. Swedish subtitles. Director Niels Arden Oplev (2009, 18) (W) (HD)
The Girl Who Played with Fire tomorrow 1am
3.20 Food Unwrapped at Christmas
Cost-effective alternatives to traditional festive fare. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.15-5.00am Couples Come Dine with Me
Three pairs of partners compete in Lancashire. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
8.35 Football: The Championship
Boxing Day action. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (HD)
9.35 Football: Goal Rush
Goals from yesterday. Shown yesterday 10pm (S) (HD)
10.05 SpaceCamp ***
Family adventure with Lea Thompson. A group of young astronauts are accidentally blasted into space. Director Harry Winer (1986, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
12.10pm Teen Wolf ***
Comedy starring Michael J. Fox. A high-school student discovers that he is turning into a werewolf. Director Rod Daniel (1985, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
2.00 Bigfoot and the Hendersons ***
Comedy with John Lithgow. Director William Dear (1987, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
4.10pm Labyrinth ***
Fantasy adventure. Sarah wishes her brother into the Goblin King's clutches and has 13 hours to rescue him. Director Jim Henson (1986, U) (S) (W) (HD)
6.15 BattleBots: World Championship 1/6. Molly McGrath hosts, as 24 robot builders put their machines to the ultimate test in a series of fights. (S) (HD)
7.00 New. World's Strongest Man
The opening heat of the competition at Chobe National Park in Botswana. Repeated tomorrow 9.55am (S) (HD)
Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)
8.00 New. There's a Croc in My Kitchen
Just how far will some of us take our love of animals? Jim and Chris keep a Komodo dragon as a pet. One bite from this 20-stone monster could prove fatal. (S) (HD)
Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)
9.00 Dirty Dancing ****
Romantic drama. Frances "Baby" Houseman meets dance instructor Johnny at a holiday resort, where he shows her the art of "dirty dancing". Director Emile Ardolino (1987, 12) (S) (W) (HD)
11.05 Greatest 80s Movies
A countdown of films from the decade. Director/Producer Sasha Brodgen (S)
1.50am New. SuperCasino
3.10 The Dog Rescuers
Shown Wed 21st 8pm (S) (HD)
4.00 Tattoo Disasters UK
Body art fails (S) (SL) (HD)
4.25 Criminals: Caught on Camera (S) (SL) (HD)
4.45 Great Artists (S) (SL)
5.10-6.00am House Doctor (S) (SL)



Labyrinth ***
4.10pm Channel 5

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FESTIVE Television

Wednesday 28th December



Bean ★★★
11.15am ITV1



Muppets Most Wanted ***
3.35pm BBC1



Stuart Little 2 ***
2.45pm Channel 4



Song for Marion ***
11.30pm BBC2

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Sally Nugent, Charlie Stott. (S) (HD)
9.00 Tinkerbell and the Secret of the Wings ★★★

Animated fantasy adventure. The tiny fairy discovers that her home is under threat. Directors Bobs Gannaway and Peggy Holmes (2012, U) (S) (W) (HD)
10.10 Justin's House: Cat's First Christmas

The gang prepares for Christmas. First shown on CBeebies (S) (HD)

10.30 Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit ★★★

Animated comedy adventure. The duo hunt for a destructive giant rabbit. Directors Nick Park and Steve Box (2005, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.50 Bargain Hunt

From Shropshire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.40pm BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.00 The Moonstone

3/5. Miss Clack arrives at the Verinder house in Yorkshire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.45 Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom ★★★

Adventure. Indy searches for the magical Sankara stone and uncovers an ancient evil cult. Director Steven Spielberg (1984, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

3.35pm Muppets Most Wanted ***

Crime comedy adventure. When Kermit is mistaken for a criminal mastermind, it leaves his fellow Muppets in the hands of the villainous lookalike. Director James Babin (2014, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.15 Pointless

Quiz show with Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Antiques Roadshow

Fiona Bruce looks back at the most talked about finds of the year, and reveals what happened next. (S) (HD)

7.40 Ethel & Ernest

Animated drama based on the award-winning by Raymond Briggs. Milkman Ernest Briggs meets lady's maid Ethel in 1928 and they soon marry. Their son Raymond is born in 1934 and their life together spans such momentous events as the Depression, the Second World War, the Swinging Sixties and the 1969 Moon landing. Director Roger Mainwood (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Jonathan Creek

Daemons' Roost. Alan Davies returns in the title role, as Jonathan attempts to unravel what happened to a young woman's family at Daemons' Roost. The house was once occupied by a 19th century sorcerer, and when the gruesome rituals that were once enacted there are revived, it looks as if the investigation may come to a horrifying end. The Reverend Wendell Wilkie performs an exorcism, but will it be enough to avert disaster? Director Sandy Johnson (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) Followed by National Lottery Update (S)

10.50 Mrs Brown's Boys

Mammy's Tickled Pink. Agnes frets over Rory's plastic surgery. Winnie drops a bombshell. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.25 Sport Relief: The Final Score

Danny Dyer celebrates the best bits of Sport Relief and meets some of the incredible fundraisers. Series producer Ben Duncan; Executive producer Clare Pizey (S) (HD)

12.25am Fleabag

5/6. Claire and Fleabag mark the anniversary of their mother's death. (R) (S) (HD)

12.50 6/6. An art exhibition brings secrets to light. (R) (S) (HD)

1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.25-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

5.40am Natural World

The harpy eagle. (R) (S) (HD)

6.40-7.40 Sign Zone

6.40 Coastal Path

4/5. The south Devon coastline. (R) (S)

7.00 Great British Menu London and South East chefs produce main courses. (R) (S)

7.40 Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo

★★★ Comedy. The lovable car tangles with jewel thieves. Director Vincent McEvety (1977, U) (S) (W) (HD)

9.20 This Farming Life

Two farmers must gather their ewes from the hills ready for lambing. (R) (S) (HD)

10.20 Money for Nothing (S) (HD)

11.20 The Alamo ★★

Historical war drama starring Dennis Quaid. A small band of Texans defend a strategically important converted mission. Director John Lee Hancock (2004, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

1.25pm Up Periscope ★★

Second World War drama. An underwater demolition officer is seconded to the USS Barracuda for an important mission. Director Gordon Douglas (1959, U) (S) (W)

3.15 Nature's Weirdest Events

Chris Packham finds out what poisoned a scientist on an expedition. (R) (S) (HD)

4.00-5.00 Inside the Factory

The team explores the production and history of sweets. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.00pm Tribes, Predators and Me

2/3. The Bushmen in Botswana's Kalahari desert share their survival secrets as they go on foot among wild lions. Part three tomorrow 5pm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 New Zealand: Earth's Mythical Islands

2/3. How animals including hyper-intelligent parrots and snails with teeth survive in New Zealand's wildest locales. Part three tomorrow 6pm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 The Good Life

When I'm 65. Tom fears he and Barbara have no money set aside for their old age. First shown in 1978. (R) (S)

7.30 Christmas University Challenge

9/10. The second semi-final of this year's Christmas contest. The final is tomorrow 7.30pm. (S) (HD)

8.00 Robot Wars: Battle of the Stars

1/2. Olympic gold medal-winning triathlon superstars the Brownlee brothers, DJ Scott Mills, space scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock and sports presenter Suzi Perry are all at the top of their game in their respective careers. But how will they fare in the bulletproof Robot Wars arena? (S) (HD)

9.00 Dragons' Den

Evan Davis presents a Christmas edition of the business show. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Live at the Apollo

In tonight's Christmas offering of stand-up comedy, Romesh Ranganathan hosts from the west London venue and introduces Seann Walsh, Kerry Goddman and Spencer Jones. (S) (HD)

10.30 The Real Marigold on Tour: Florida

1/2. Actress Miriam Margolyes, dancer Wayne Sleep, dance champion Bobby George and chef Rosemary Shrager investigate retirement in Florida. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Song for Marion ★★

Comedy drama. Married pensioners Arthur and Marion are soulmates but polar opposites - she's a lover of life and member of the local choir; he's an old curmudgeon with no interest in her hobby. Director Paul Andrew Williams (2012, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

1.00-3.40am Sign Zone

1.00 Alan Bennett's Diaries

A candid profile of the writer, capturing his busy life. (S) (AD)

2.00 The Lady in the Van ★★

Comedy drama based on Alan Bennett's memoir and play, starring Maggie Smith and Alex Jennings. (2015, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)

8.30 Lorraine

Guests chat with Lorraine Kelly. (S) (HD)

9.25 Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home ★★

★★★ Wildlife adventure. Jesse realises that Willy needs his help again. Director Dwight Little (1995, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.15 Bean ★★★

Comedy starring Rowan Atkinson as the accident-prone Mr Bean, who is sent to America for an unveiling at an art gallery. Director Mel Smith (1997, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.55pm ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S)

1.15 Puppy Secrets: The First Six Months

2/2. The puppies move into their new homes. (R) (S) (HD)

2.20-4.25 Father of the Bride ★★

Comedy starring Steve Martin and Diane Keaton as harassed parents. Director Charles Shyer (1991, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

4.25pm Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas

Mr O tries to get a royal seal of approval and a new home for Henry, a dentally challenged shih tzu. Paul's return to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home also leads to a meeting with heavily pregnant stray Holly, a pug cross. The charming and affectionate Mickey is a pointer rescued from Turkey, but suffering from very bowed legs. (S) (HD)

5.30 Blankety Blank

David Williams follows in the footsteps of Terry Wogan and Paul O'Grady in this one-off update of the long-running quiz. Celebrities are on hand to help contestants to fill their pockets. (S) (HD)

6.25 Regional News Weather (S)

6.40 ITV Evening News Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale

Jimmy returns home to make peace with Nicola, but a blazing row erupts. Angelica and Elliot take matters into their own hands, and the Kings soon realise they are missing. Writer Andrew Kirk. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ★★

Fantasy adventure starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson. Despite having battled Voldemort in person, Harry Potter cannot convince the wizarding world of the evil lord's return. Inspired by his friends in the secret Order of the Phoenix, Harry forms an underground army of Hogwarts in preparation for battle with the forces of evil. Director David Yates (2007, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.10 ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S)

10.25 Jaws ★★

Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning adventure thriller. The Atlantic resort of Amity Island is preparing for its lucrative summer season when death strikes in the form of a great white shark. Director Steven Spielberg (1975, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.40am Jackpot247

Interactive gaming.

3.00 Nightscreen

Text information. (HD)

5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

(R) (S) (SL) (HD)



Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ★★
7.30pm ITV1

Channel4

5.00am Ramona and Beezus ★★

Comedy. Nine-year-old Ramona Quimby sees a chance to up her currency when her dad is made redundant. Director Elizabeth Allen (2010, U) (S) (W) (HD)

6.40 California Man ★★

Comedy fantasy. High-school friends Dave and Stoney discover a prehistoric man encased in ice. Director Les Mayfield (1992, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

8.10 Dunston Checks In ★★

Comedy. A thieving pet orangutan runs amok in a swanky hotel. Director Ken Kwapis (1996, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

9.50 The Simpsons

Double bill. (R) (S) (AD)

10.45 The Muppet Movie ★★

Comedy adventure, the feature film debut of the felt friends. Kermit the Frog goes to Hollywood to find fame and fortune. Director James Frawley (1979, U) (S) (W)

12.50pm Vice Versa ★★

Comedy. A father and son find that their minds have swapped bodies. Director Brian Gilbert (1988, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

2.45-4.15 Stuart Little 2 ★★

Adventure. Stuart befriends a little bird who hides a dark secret. Director Rob Minkoff (2002, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.15pm Lego's Big Christmas

Adventures go behind the scenes as the world's biggest Lego store is prepared for opening in London's Leicester Square. Shown Boxing Day 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

5.15 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

5.30 The Simpsons

Replaceable You. Homer loses his job to his ambitious new assistant. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 The Daughter Also Rises. Lisa begins a romance with her intellectual match. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30 Hollyoaks

Amy confronts Ryan with the note. Writer James Coleman Shown yesterday 6.55pm E4 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 The Arrivals

Thousands of passengers and their waiting loved ones congregate in the impersonal arrivals halls at Heathrow airport - and many of them have captivating stories to share. Director/Producer Julie Watson (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 What Britain Bought in 2016

We've had a rollercoaster year in the UK, but how have the nation's events shaped our £7 billion-a-week shopping habit? Mary Portas catches up with some of our leading retailers. Director Dan Treford. (S) (HD)

9.00 24 Hours in A&E

Ep 7 Series 12. Friendship is the theme of this visit to St George's emergency department. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 David Blaine: Beyond Magic

The deadpan illusionist stupefies audiences as he reveals some of the mechanics behind his close-quarters street magic. (R) (S) (HD)

11.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year

Jimmy Carr hosts the annual end-of-year quiz. (S) (HD)

1.00am The Girl Who Played with Fire ★★

Crime thriller sequel, starring Noomi Rapace and Michael Nyqvist. Mikael and Lisbeth team up to uncover the truth about sex trafficking. Swedish +subtitles. Director Daniel Alfredson (2009, 15) (W) (HD) The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest is tomorrow 1am

3.10 World Sport

A review of 2016. (S) (HD)

3.40 Location, Location, Location

Kirstie and Phil look for properties in Liverpool. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

4.35-5.30am The Restoration Man

Transforming an RAF bunker in Nottinghamshire into a home. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!

9.20 New. SpongeBob SquarePants

SpongeBob tries to impress Mrs Puff. (S) (HD)

9.55 World's Strongest Man

The first heat in Botswana. (S) (HD)

10.55 The African Queen ★★

First World War romantic adventure with Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn. East Africa, 1914: a prim missionary finds an unlikely saviour. Director John Huston (1951, U) (S) (W) (HD)



1.00pm The Glenn Miller Story ★★

★★★ Musical biographical drama starring James Stewart. The young musician searches for the elusive sound that will make him a household name. Director Anthony Mann (1953, U) (S) (W) (HD)

3.20pm Kelly's Heroes ★★

Second World War action adventure. Rag-bag US soldiers plan to "liberate" gold bars from a bank behind enemy lines. Director Brian G Hutton (1970, PG) (S) (W) (HD)



6.10 BattleBots: World Championship 2/6. Eight more battles are held to decide who reaches the championship stages. First shown on Spike (S) (HD)

7.00 New. World's Strongest Man

Action from the second heat of the competition in Botswana. Britain's Eddie Hall took part in this group, alongside Americans Nick Best and Jon Lane. (S) (HD) Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 New. Kitten Rescuers

Jo Brand follows the RSPCA's inspectors, vets and volunteers as they investigate reports of maltreatment, operate on injured kittens and organise heart-warming rehoming of abandoned and abused pets. Directors/Producers Phil Hirst, Dominic Longmuir and Kevin Forde (S) (HD) Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)

9.00 New. The Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of 2016

In the celebrity sphere, this year will mostly be remembered for the sad departure of many big stars including David Bowie, Prince, Leonard Cohen, Caroline Aherne and Victoria Wood. On a more cheerful note, Ed Balls proved a hit with his Strictly success, and Honey G made her infamous X Factor debut. Contributors here include Louis Walsh, Kerry Katona, Stefan Dennis and Len Goodman.

Executive producers Emma Clarke and Matt Crook. (S)

12.05am Pete Burns: The Last Interview (S)

1.05 New. SuperCasino

3.10 Santa Makes You LOL (S) (HD)

4.00 Witches: A Century of Murder (S) (SL) (HD)

4.45 Great Artists (S) (SL)

5.10-6.00am House Doctor (S) (SL)

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FESTIVE Television

Thursday 29th December



Hidalgo ***
110pm BBC2



The Amazing Spider-Man 2 ***
5.50pm ITV1



Chicken Run ****
11.20am BBC1



Mysterious Island ***
5.30am Channel 4

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BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Sally Nugent, Charlie Stott. (S) (HD)
9.00 Turbo ****
Animated comedy adventure featuring the voice of Ryan Reynolds. A snail becomes turbo-charged thanks to a freak accident. Director David Soren (2013, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
10.25 Go Jetties: The North Pole
Santa's sleigh disappears on Christmas Eve. First shown on CBeebies (S) (HD)
10.50 Chicken Run ****
Aardman animated comedy. A clutch of hens on a grim 1950s egg farm plan a prisoner-of-war-style escape. Directors Nick Park and Peter Lord (2000, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.10pm Bargain Hunt
From Norfolk. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.50 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
1.10 The Moonstone
4/5. Mr Bruff tries to stop Rachel and Godfrey's wedding. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.55-3.55 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade ****
Action adventure with Harrison Ford and Sean Connery. Indy searches for his missing father and ends up in another treasure hunt. Director Steven Spielberg (1989, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
3.55pm Room on the Broom
Animated magical tale, based on the children's picture book by Julia Donaldson. Writers Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler; Producers Michael Rose and Martin Pope; Directors Max Lang and Jan Lachauer (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.20 Shrek the Third ***
Animated fantasy comedy featuring the voice of Mike Myers. Directors Chris Miller and Raman Hui (2007, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
5.45 Pointless
Quiz show presented by Alexander Armstrong. (S) (HD)
6.30 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
With Michelle Ackery, Joe Fattorini, Danny Clarke and John Finnemore. More tomorrow 7pm. (S) (HD)
7.30 EastEnders
Ronnie encourages Roxy to build bridges with Jack. Satellite and cable viewers can watch a repeat at 10pm on W (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00 Life in the Snow
Gordon Buchanan reveals the survival secrets of the animals that live in nature's winter wonderlands, including polar bears, penguins and owls. He also looks at favourite Christmas characters, such as reindeer and robins. Producer/directors Sally Thomsson and Mark Wheeler (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00 To Walk Invisible
Sally Wainwright's drama tells the story of the Brontë sisters' great novels and their battle for recognition. Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë face a bleak future, with their father half-blind and brother Branwell in decline. As their situation worsens, Charlotte sees that writing could offer a way out. Writer/Director Sally Wainwright; Producer Karen Lewis (S) (AD) (HD)
11.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
11.20 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull ****
Period action adventure starring Harrison Ford. Indiana travels deep into the Amazon jungle in search of a mysterious crystal skull. Director Steven Spielberg (2008, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.5am Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)
1.20-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

5.45am Natural World
A young tigress is chosen to establish a new population of her species. (R) (S) (HD)
6.45-7.45 Sign Zone
6.45 Coastal Path
5/5, The Jurassic Coast (R) (S)
7.15 Great British Menu
The London and South East hopefuls serve up their desserts. (R) (S)
7.45 Herbie Goes Bananas **
Fourth film in the series. Herbie gets caught up in a plot to steal Incan gold. Director Vincent McEveety (1980, U) (S) (W) (HD)
9.15 This Farming Life
In Argyll, Sybil prepares for George's 50th birthday and tends a sick cow. (R) (S) (HD)
10.15 Money for Nothing
Sarah Moore transforms four more reclaimed items. (Revised repeat) (S) (HD)
11.15 A Distant Trumpet ****
Western. An inexperienced cavalry officer finds he has far more to contend with than the threat of Apache attacks. Some Native American dialogue + subtitles. Director Raoul Walsh (1964) (S) (W) (HD)
11.00pm Hidalgo ***
Epic adventure based on a true story, starring Viggo Mortensen. A dispatch rider for the US cavalry competes in a 3,000-mile endurance horse race across the Arabian desert. Director Joe Johnston (2003, 12) (S) (W) (HD)
3.15 Nature's Weirdest Events
Examining how a tiny crustacean has mastered the art of invisibility. (R) (S) (HD)
4.00-5.00 Inside the Factory
Gregg Wallace and the team investigate crisp production. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
5.00pm Tribes, Predators and Me
3/3. Gordon Buchanan learns to hunt crocodiles with his bare hands in Papua New Guinea. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
6.00 New Zealand: Earth's Mythical Islands
3/3. A caving expedition reveals relics of the original lost world of the nation's pre-human past. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
7.00 To the Manor Born
Festive special from 1979. Living in reduced circumstances does not blind Audrey to her responsibilities as Christmas approaches. (R) (S)
7.30 Christmas University Challenge
10/10. It's the grand final of this seasonal competition for alumni from some of the UK's top universities. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions. (S) (HD)
8.00 Robot Wars: Battle of the Stars
2/2. Paralympic gold medalist Kadeena Cox, former football star Robbie Savage, science and history presenter Neil Oliver and Rizzle Kicks star Jordan help design their very own fighting robot to battle it out. (S) (HD)
9.00 Charlie Brooker's 2016 Wipe
Charlie Brooker takes a satirical look back at 2016. (S) (HD)
10.00 Cunk on Christmas
Festive mockumentary from Charlie Brooker, starring Diane Morgan. Cultural commentator Philomena Cunk takes us on an acerbic journey to discover the true meaning of Christmas with help from a variety of experts. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.30 Kevin Bridges: A Whole Different Story
Comedian Kevin Bridges mixes economic theory, art history and diet tips with the rigours of growing up and adapting to his newfound place in the world, in a show from the SSE Hydro in Glasgow. (S) (HD)
11.30 A Gert Lush Christmas
Comedy drama written by and starring Russell Howard. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.30am Dragons' Den
A Christmas edition of the business show. (S) (AD) (HD)
1.30-3.30am Sign Zone
1.30 The Great Christmas Bake Off
1/2. Previous contestants battle it out. (S) (AD)
2.30 Doctor Who
The Doctor joins forces with a superhero. (S) (AD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain
Mark Benton discusses his role in new ITV period drama The Holcyn. (S) (HD)
8.30 Lorraine
Entertainment and fashion news. (S) (HD)
9.25 Free Willy 3: The Rescue ***
Wildlife adventure. The whale's life is threatened by poachers. Director Sam Pillsbury (1997, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
11.10 Mr Bean's Holiday ***
Comedy starring Rowan Atkinson. Mr Bean bumbles around France. Director Steve Bendelack (2007, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.50pm ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S)
1.15-3.15 Peter Pan ***
Adaptation of JM Barrie's classic fantasy adventure. Peter Pan and Wendy Darling embark on an adventure to Neverland. Director PJ Hogan (2003, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
3.15pm Midsomer Murders
Days of Misrule. Tom Barnaby and Jones are dragged away from a team-building exercise to investigate an explosion at a haulage yard run by TA commanding officer Matt Parkes and his son James. The young man is ruthless in business, but is he capable of arson or murder? (R) (S) (AD)
5.15 Regional News Weather (S)
5.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S)
5.50 The Amazing Spider-Man 2 ***
Fantasy action adventure. Peter Parker just wants to hang out with his girlfriend, but is burdened with having to save New York from a new electrically charged enemy. Also lurking in the shadows is his increasingly embittered and volatile old friend Harry Osborn. Director Marc Webb (2014, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
8.30 Emmerdale
Kerry gets drunk and flirts with a man, hoping to make Dan jealous. Writer Cameron McAllister. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ****
Fantasy adventure. The ruthless Death Eaters announce the return of their master, Lord Voldemort, with a series of attacks on London. As disaster looms, Professor Dumbledore brings former tutor Horace Slughorn back to Hogwarts so that young wizard Harry Potter can learn from him the secrets of Voldemort's power. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 is tomorrow at 8pm
11.00 ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S)
11.20 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ****
The fantasy adventure concludes. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
12.20am The Chase
With Bradley Walsh. (R) (S) (HD)
1.05 Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 Nightscreen
Text information. (HD)
5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show
Feuding folk air their differences in the studio. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)



Free Willy 3: The Rescue ***
9.25am ITV1

Channel4

5.30am Mysterious Island ***
Fantasy adventure. A group of soldiers escape from prison and end up on an island inhabited by giant creatures. Director Cy Endfield (1961, U) (S) (W) (HD)
7.15 Short Circuit 2 **
Fantasy comedy. Johnny Five is deceived by a gang of criminals. Director Kenneth Johnson (1988, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
9.20 The Simpsons
Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD)
10.50 The Great Muppet Caper ***
Musical comedy starring the felt friends, Diana Rigg and Charles Grodin. Director Jim Henson (1981, U) (S) (W)
12.55pm The Net **
Thriller starring Sandra Bullock and Jeremy Northam. A reclusive computer expert discovers a sinister online plot. Director Irwin Winkler (1995, 12) (S) (W) (HD)
3.15-4.15 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
The search for a retirement home in Menorca. (S) (HD)
4.15pm Posh Pawn at Christmas
Beth Tweddle puts the team through their paces. Shown Tuesday 27 December 7pm (S) (HD)
5.15 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)
5.30 The Simpsons
Kill Gil, Volumes I & II. Marge chooses Christmas Eve to turf out an unwanted house guest. (R) (S) (S) (AD)
6.00 At Long Last Leave
Homer and his family are forced to live as outcasts. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
6.30 Hollyoaks
Pressure mounts among the Osbornes. Writer Colin O'Donnell. Shown yesterday 7pm E4 Rptd tomorrow 6am E4 Next episode follows on E4 (S) (AD) (HD)
7.00 Strictly Ballroom Boys
This First Cut documentary follows four of young male dancers, and their mums, from south Wales's rugby obsessed Valleys as they head towards the UK Championships in Bournemouth. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00 Location, Location, Location
New series. Ep 1. In Birmingham, Kirstie Allsopp helps sewing blogger Elle and her fiancé, Ed, who have seen 52 properties and still can't find the perfect pad. (S) (HD)
9.00 Guy Martin: Cycling Home for Christmas
Guy Martin takes on his longest and hardest challenge yet as he attempts to break a record that has stood since 1984 by cycling around the entire coast of Great Britain - 4,800 miles - in just 20 days. (S) (AD) (HD)
10.35 Bruce Springsteen: In His Words
The musician talks about his first acclaimed foray into prose writing. (S) (AD)
12.05am It Was Alright in the 1970s
Programmes that flirted with danger. (S) (HD)
1.00 The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest ***
Thriller starring Michael Nyqvist and Naomi Rapace. Awaiting trial for murder, Lisbeth Salander tries to prove the conspiracy against her with the help of an old ally, journalist Mikael Blomkvist. Swedish + subtitles. Director Daniel Alfredson (2009, 15) (W) (HD)
3.30 The Windsons Christmas Special
7/2. Wills is visited by the ghost of King George III. Shown Friday 23 December 10pm (S) (SL) (HD)
3.55 Jamie's Comfort Food
Jamie Oliver turns his attention to lobster mac and cheese. (S) (HD)
4.05-5.00am Location, Location, Location
Looking for properties in south-east London. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.30 New. SpongeBob SquarePants (S)
10.05 World's Strongest Man
Action from the second heat. Shown yesterday 7pm (S) (HD)
11.05 West Side Story ****
Film version of the classic musical, starring Natalie Wood and Richard Beymer. Directors Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins (1961, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
12.05pm The Family Man ***
Fantasy starring Nicolas Cage. A Wall Street workaholic is given the chance to see how life would have fared had he not deserted his childhood sweetheart. Director Brett Ratner (2000, 12) (S) (W)
4.25pm Serendipity ***
Comedy starring John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale. Jonathan and Sara experience an instant attraction. But Sara insists that fate must lend a hand if they are to see each other again. Director Peter Chelsom (2001, PG) (S) (W)
6.10 BattleBots: World Championship
3/6. The championship round begins, with the winners of the qualifiers and four wild card teams doing battle. First shown on Spike (S) (HD)
7.00 New. World's Strongest Man
The third heat of the competition, featuring Iceland's Hafthor 'Thor' Bjornsson alongside Britain's Terry Hollands. Repeated tomorrow 10am (S) (HD)
Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)
8.00 New. Biggest Dog in the World
A look at three households who are hoping the size of their giant Great Danes will gain them an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records. Director/Producer Joe Lister (S) (HD)
Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)
9.00 New. The Adele Story
A look at the career of the soulful pop singer from Tottenham, whose hits include Someone like You and Rolling in the Deep. Directors/Producers Mark Turnbull and Richard Ward (S) (HD)
10.35 New. World's Greatest Divas
A show devoted to pop's glamorous queens including Mariah Carey, Dusty Springfield, Shirley Bassey, Adele and Diana Ross. (S) (HD)
11.35 Lip Sync Battle UK
Shane Richie and Jessie Wallace go head to head in this Christmas special. (S) (HD)
12 midnight New. SuperCasino
3.10am Building the Ice Hotel (S)
4.00 Witches: A Century of Murder (S)
(SL) (HD)
4.45 Great Artists: The life and work of Michelangelo (S) (SL)
5.10-6.00am House Doctor (S) (SL)



West Side Story ****
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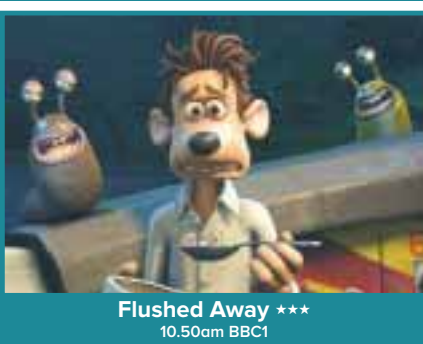
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Shark Tale ***
9.00am BBC1



Flushed Away ***
10.50am BBC1



Captain America: The Winter Soldier
**** 8.30pm BBC1



The Omen ****
2.00am Channel 4

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Steph McGovern, Charlie Stott. (S) (HD)

9.00 Shark Tale ***
Animation. A fish collaborates with a vegetarian great white to dupe fellow fish into believing he's a heroic shark killer. (2004, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

10.20 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers
The inventor falls victim to a villainous penguin. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.50 Flushed Away ***
Animation. A posh rodent is flushed down the toilet to a world where the population is threatened by an evil toad. (2006, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.10pm Bargain Hunt
A contest at Ardingly Antiques Fair in West Sussex. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.10 BBC News
Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.35 The Moonstone
5/5. A desperate Franklin puts his life at risk to prove his innocence. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.20 Kung Fu Panda 2 ***
Animation. Po must embark on a journey to discover the truth about his childhood. (2011, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

3.40pm Stick Man
Julio Donaldson's picture-book character Stick Man is caught up in an incredible animated adventure. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.10 Wreck It Ralph ***
Animated adventure. The villain of a 1980s arcade game sets off on a quest to prove there's more to him than just being a bad guy. (2012, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.45 Pointless
Quiz presented by Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 BBC News
Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
Tiger Drew-Honey, Tom Ravenscroft, Maria McElrane and Terry Deary sit in the famous black chair. (S) (HD)

7.30 A Question of Sport
With former England cricketer James Taylor; Team GB's Olympic gold medal hockey star Alex Danson, Olympic taekwondo silver medalist Lutalo Muhammad and former West Ham Utd striker Dean Ashton. (S) (HD)

8.00 EastEnders
Max's return continues to cause friction as Lee nears breaking point. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Captain America: The Winter Soldier ****
Action adventure. Steve Rogers (aka Captain America) is still trying to adjust to being a wartime super-soldier in the 21st century, with the help of fellow Avenger Black Widow and army buddy Sam Wilson. However, when a mysterious assassin known as the Winter Soldier makes an appearance, it has catastrophic consequences for Steve, Nick Fury and SHIELD itself. (2014, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.40 BBC News
Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

11.00 Still Game The Party
Jack and Victor face a miserable gulielite after they become trapped in a lift at Osprey Heights. (R) (S)

11.30 Mrs Brown's Boys Mammy's Christmas Punch
Agnes is intent on a peaceful Christmas at home. But domestic strife, carol singers, and Buster's new Christmas tree conspire to put paid to such fanciful notions. (R) (S) (HD)

12.10am The NFL Show
Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL world. (S) (HD)

12.40 Hollywood Homicide ***
Police comedy drama starring Harrison Ford and Josh Hartnett. Two LA cops attempt to investigate a brutal murder – but they soon become sidetracked with personal issues. (2003, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.30 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

2.35-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.25am Meerkats: Secrets of an Animal Superstar
A 20-year study of the animals' behaviour. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.25 Sign Zone

7.25 Great British Menu
The top two South East chefs. (R) (S)

7.55 North East starters (R) (S)

8.25 Short Circuit ***
Fantasy comedy. Energised by a freak power overload, robot Number Five springs to life and promptly goes AWOL. (1986, PG) (S) (W) (HO)

10.00 This Farming Life
Martin prepares two bulls for the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh. (R) (S) (HD)

11.00 Money for Nothing
Sarah Moore restores a chair and an old art deco-style toy. (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)

12.00 84 Charing Cross Road ****
Biographical drama based on writer Helene Hanff's dealings with the staff of a London bookshop. (1986, U) (S) (W) (HD)

1.35pm Ladies in Lavender ***
Period drama. Two sisters come into conflict with their neighbours when a man is washed ashore near their cottage. (2004, 12) (S) (W)

3.15 Nature's Weirdest Events
How an Australian town became plagued by giant bats. (R) (S) (HD)

4.00 Inside the Factory
Gregg Wallace explores the production of baked beans. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.00pm Flag It!
The team visits Greater Manchester, where Paul Martin spots etchings by artist John Buckland-Wright. (R) (S) (HD)

5.30 The Marvellous World of Roald Dahl
The story of the life of Roald Dahl, with contributions by Dahl's wife Liccy, his daughter Lucy, biographer Donald Sturrock and illustrator Quentin Blake. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30 Roald Dahl's Esio Trot
A dramatisation of Roald Dahl's tale in which retired bachelor Mr Hoppy hatches a plan to win the heart of his neighbour Mrs Silver. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Judi Dench: All the World's Her Stage
This celebration of the life of the award-winning actress charts the high points of her 60-year career and hears anecdotes from some of those she has worked with. During the filming of Mrs Brown, Billy Connolly recalls how he thought she was falling in love with him, while Samantha Bond reveals how she calmed Pierce Brosnan's nerves to prepare him for his first scene with Dame Judi. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Real Marigold on Tour: Japan 2/2
Miriam Margolyes, Wayne Sleep, Bobby George and Rosemary Shrager travel to Japan in search of the secrets of longevity. In Kyoto Bobby and Miriam sign up at a job centre that specialises in finding work for OAPs. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Qi
Ross Noble, Cariad Lloyd and David Baddiel join regular panelist Alan Davies to explore matters of nature and nurture under the corrective guidance of Sandi Toksvig. (S) (HD)

10.30 Dara O Briain: Crowd Ticker Live
Dara brings his 2015 tour to the Hammersmith Apollo, where he delivers routines interlaced with his endearing and distinctive spontaneous humour. (S) (HD)

11.30 Stag
1/3 A comedic take on the ritual of the stag do. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.30am Sign Zone

2.30 Victorian Bakers at Christmas
Christmas recipes from the 19th century. First shown Christmas Day 9.30pm (S) (AD)

3.30 Wild Tales from the Village
Following the animals that live near a remote village in the French countryside. First shown Friday 23rd 7.30pm (S) (AD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)

8.30 Lorraine
Guests, gossip and fashion. (S) (HD)

9.25 Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore ***
Part-animated fantasy. Cats and canines are forced to join forces to stop a crazed feline. (2010, U) (S) (W) (HO)

11.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels ***
Comedy. Rival conmen compete to see who can trick a glamorous heiress out of her fortune. (1988, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

1.05pm All Star Family Fortunes (R) (S) (HD)

1.50 ITV Lunchtime News
Regional News; Weather (S)

2.05 The Dam Busters ****
Classic wartime drama about the audacious RAF mission to destroy the Ruhr dams with "bouncing" bombs designed by aeronautical engineer Barnes Wallis. (1954, U) (BW) (S) (HD)

4.30pm Midsomer Murders
Schooled in Murder. A woman dairy worker is crushed to death by a giant round of cheese at the home of the world-famous Midsomer Blue. As DCI John Barnaby and DS Ben Jones investigate, controversial and secret plans to modernise the dairy emerge, while rumours about the private lives of parents spark a row at the prestigious local prep school. It's not long before other people with links to the dairy meet agonising deaths. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.25 Regional News Weather (S)

6.40 ITV Evening News Weather (S)

7.00 Tomorrow's News Weather (S)

7.30 Coronation Street
Anna's New Year's Eve goes downhill, while Mary needs to make an important decision. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ***
Fantasy adventure. With Lord Voldemort once again in the ascendancy, teenage wizard Harry Potter and his friends Hermione and Ron are forced to go on the run. Armed with items given to them by headmaster Albus Dumbledore, they seek to destroy artefacts that contain the key to Voldemort's power. (2010, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.40 ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather (S)

11.05 Jaws 2 **
Sequel to Steven Spielberg's blockbuster, starring Roy Scheider as police chief Martin Brody, who fears that a great white shark is once again threatening the holiday resort of Amity. But with the summer season under way, Brody has a tough job convincing Amity's business community of the danger. (1978, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.10am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.

3.00-6.00am Nightscreen
Text information. (HD)



Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore ***
9.25am ITV1

Channel4

5.00am It Came from beneath the Sea ***
Sci-fi adventure. A giant octopus terrorises San Francisco. (1955, U) (BW) (S) (HD)

6.20 The Parent Trap ***
Comedy. Identical twins hatch a plan to get their divorced parents back together again. (1961, U) (S) (W) (HD)

8.35 The Simpsons
Double bill. (R) (S) (AD)

9.35 A League of Their Own ***
Period comedy. An alcoholic coach takes charge of an all-female baseball team. (1992, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

12.05pm CutThroat Island **
Action adventure. A woman sets sail in search of buried riches from a Spanish galleon. (1995, PG) (S) (W)

2.30 Roald Dahl's Most Marvellous Book
The author's top ten children's books. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo at Christmas
Ep 6 Series 2. Christmas stockings await the Sumatran orangutan clan. Shown Thursday 22 December 8pm (S) (HD)

5.00 Channel 4 News
Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

5.30 The Simpsons
Springfield Up. A film-maker visits Springfield to see how the residents are progressing. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Hollyoaks
The twins rope Harry into their mischief-making. (S) (AD) (HO)

7.00 Noel's Sell or Swap Live
Owners with funny or emotive reasons for wanting to be rid of items put them up for auction in this brand new show hosted by Noel Edmonds. He is assisted by an SOS saved intent on creating a bidding frenzy as up to three auctions are run simultaneously. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
New series. 1/8 Series 4. Jamie Oliver and Jimmy Doherty give more cooking lessons to famous faces in their cafe on Southend Pier and put their weight behind new campaigns. As comedian John Bishop learns how to make the perfect lasagne, Jimmy builds a log hive hoping to attract wild bees to his farm. (S) (HD)

9.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown New Year Special
Jimmy Car hosts as Sean Lock and Johnny Vegas take on Jon Richardson and Sara Pascoe. Susie Dent is joined by David O'Doherty while Rachel Riley and Joe Wilkinson dish out the numbers and letters. (S) (HD)

10.00 Rude Tube: Welcome to 2017
Counting down the best 100 internet video clips of the past year, including a zombie apocalypse and a boxer dog mannequin challenge. Repeated 1.40am 4seven (S) (HD)

12.05am Tattoo Fixers at Christmas
The tattoo artists get into the Christmas spirit. First shown on E4 (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 Celebrity First Dates
3/4. Famous faces looking for love include entertainer Bernie Clifton. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.00 The Omen ****
Horror starring Gregory Peck. A series of deaths lead a boy's parents to suspect their son has supernatural powers. (1976, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

3.55 The Windsors Christmas Special 2/2
Someone accidentally tapes Strictly Come Dancing over the pre-recorded Queen's Christmas speech. Shown Friday 23 December 10pm (S) (SL) (HD)

4.25-5.10am Countdown (R) (S) (HD)

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!

9.25 New. SpongeBob SquarePants (S)

10.00 World's Strongest Man
Shown yesterday 7pm (S) (HD)

11.00 Penguins Make You Laugh Out Loud
The birds at their funniest. (S) (HD)

12.00 Santa Makes You LOL (S) (HD)

1.00pm Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud
Caterwauling carol singers. (S) (HD)

2.00 Labyrinth ***
Fantasy adventure starring David Bowie and Jennifer Connelly. A teenager travels through a magical maze to rescue her brother from a band of goblins and their sinister king. (1986, U) (S) (W) (HO)



4.00pm Planet of the Apes ***
Sci-fi adventure. An astronaut crash-lands on a planet ruled by talking apes. 5 News Update at 5.00. (2001, 12) (S) (W) (HO)

6.15 BattleBots: World Championships 4/6
Molly McGrath introduces four more three-minute battles in the arena. First shown Spike (S) (HD)

7.00 New. World's Strongest Man
The fourth heat in Botswana. (S) (HD)

8.00 New. Britain's Cleverest Dog
Featuring a canine who masters a puzzle that flummoxes most toddlers. (S) (HO) Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Flowers in the Attic: Petals on the Wind
Drama about a woman who returns to the site of her traumatic childhood, planning to take revenge on her mother. Includes 5 News Update at 10.00. (S) (HD)

10.45 The Blind Side ****
Drama based on a true story. The life of homeless African American teenager Michael seems to be heading nowhere until a wealthy white housewife takes him into her family home. (2009, 12) (S) (W) (HO)

1.05am New. SuperCasino

3.10 The Yorkshire Vet
Shown Christmas Eve 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

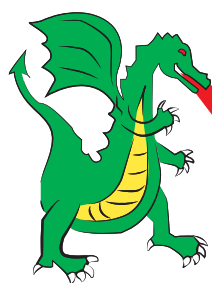
4.00 Eamonn and Ruth: A Million Pound Christmas
Shown Christmas Eve 9pm (S) (HD)

4.45 Great Artists (S) (SL)

5.10-6.00am House Doctor: double bill (S) (SL)



The Blind Side ****
10.45pm Channel5



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Something Distant

Pilot Boat, LYME REGIS
Mark Foxhall and Philip Clouts

Saturday 24 Dec
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Vinyl Monkeys
9.30pm

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Tom Toomey

Saturday 27 Dec
Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Alan West & Steve Black 4-7pm

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Bestival gets a new home

BESTIVAL organisers have applied for a licence to stage the four-day event at a new site this coming September. The team behind the multi-award winning festival, which has been held on the Isle of Wight for the past 13 years, have submitted comprehensive plans to Purbeck Council and have now entered a 28-day consultation period.

The event's organisers plan to hold Bestival at the Lulworth Estate in Dorset, on the same site as its family-oriented sister show, Camp Bestival. Each festival will however remain distinct and separate events.

Bestival curator Rob da Bank commented: "Hot off the press – yes Bestival is moving! We can confirm we have submitted a licence application for a new site at the Lulworth Estate in Dorset and we're super excited about our shiny new Bestival ad-

venture. We have an incredible line-up, headliners confirmed and ridiculous new stages and installations coming your way in 2017".

Dave Grindle, Operations Director, Loud Sound, remarked: "Taking Bestival to a new site is an exciting undertaking for everybody involved. It's a fantastic opportunity for Loud Sound to manage the logistics of two different shows at the Lulworth Estate. The extensive knowledge we've gained of the site and the surrounding area over the past decade will help us deliver two unique events while minimising any disturbance to local residents".

Camp Bestival celebrates its tenth anniversary at the Lulworth Estate in July 2017 and the promoters are confident that their decade strong relationship with Lulworth and the significant amount of time and creativity they have invested into the site will make Bestival's move a positive one for both the event and festivalgoers.

The Ben Waters Christmas Party

BOOGIE woogie pianist Ben Waters brings returns to the Marine Theatre with his band on Tuesday, December 27th for a special Christmas party.

Ben has rubbed shoulders with many musical stars, having played at the wedding of Jools Holland, Hugh Laurie's birthday, and performed with The Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry and more.

This is sure to be an unmissable night. Tickets are £14 and £12 (concessions) in advance, and prices are plus £1 on the door. The band will be onstage at 8.30pm.

For more details visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138



Award-winning folk duo Megson head to Dorchester



THREE TIMES nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and double winners of the Spiral Earth Awards Megson draw heavily on their Teesside heritage to create a truly unique brand of folk music.

The husband & wife duo bring an infectious mix of heavenly vocals, lush harmonies and driving rhythmic guitars. Comprising Debs Hanna (Vocals, Whistle, Piano Accordion) and Stu Hanna (Guitar, Mandola, Banjo) Megson have gained fame on the British folk scene, not only for

their arresting & intelligent songwriting, but for their exquisite musicianship and northern humour. As fRoots Magazine puts it 'if you don't like the music here then you have a problem'

Summer 2016 saw the release of their much anticipated new studio album 'Good Times Will Come Again' gaining them much critical acclaim. "One of the most original political folk sets of the year. Ewan MacColl would have been impressed." said The Guardian. "Relevant, thought-

provoking songs that would make Woody Guthrie proud" said Acoustic Magazine. While folk broadcasting legend Mike Harding described it as "One of the top albums of 2016."

And during all this time, Stu even managed to be involved with other artists producing & recording award winning music for Show of Hands, The Willows, Sam Kelly and many others.

Megson play at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, January 21st. Doors open 7.30pm with music from 8pm. Tickets are £14 or £12 for members and concessions. For more details call 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchester

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Ground-breaking theatre, a very special live appearance, and top party music at The Gateway

THE GATEWAY kicks off 2017 with a trio of top shows during January, including theatre streamed live from Stratford-Upon-Avon, Ann Reid live and in person, and live music from Joey The Lips.

SIMON Russell Beale returns to the Royal Shakespeare Company after 20 years to play Prospero in the groundbreaking production of *The Tempest*, directed by Royal Shakespeare Company Artistic Director Gregory Doran.

On a distant island a man waits. He has been robbed of his position, power and wealth, and his enemies have left him in isolation. But this is no ordinary man, and this no ordinary island.

Prospero is a magician, able to control the elements and bend nature to his will. When a sail appears on the horizon, he reaches out across the ocean to the ship that carries the men who wronged him.

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When they awake they find themselves lost on a fantastical island where nothing is as it seems.

In a unique partnership with Intel, the production will be using today's most advanced technology in a bold reimagining of Shakespeare's magical play, creating an unforgettable theatrical experience.

The broadcast of *The Tempest* will be shown live on Wednesday, January 11th, doors open 6.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 in advance, £15.00 on the door.

FOR one night only, The Gateway is excited to announce Anne Reid's live show is coming to Seaton.

Anne Reid and her musical director Jason Carr present an evening of songs, stories, music and memories, including filming with Daniel Craig, performing Shakespeare at Buckingham Palace, and making *Last Tango in Halifax*!

Reid is one of Britain's most-loved and respected ac-

tors, star of the very popular *Last Tango in Halifax*, *Ladies of Letters*, *Dinnerladies* and *The Mother*. What is less well known is her life as a cabaret performer.

Over the past two years Reid's cabaret has sold out at numerous venues across London and now she embarks on a UK tour and is coming to Seaton Gateway Theatre.

Her fascinating stories, such as being ferried about the world by young pilots when she was a young girl of 12, working with actor Daniel Craig, being bombed out of her home in the war and the capers of her fearless mother are both self-deprecating and funny and lead effortlessly into the songs, such as *Once Upon A Time*.

All in all, this is a nostalgic look at her life and career with highly engaging anecdotes and warm audience rapport.

Anne Reid comes to The Gateway on Saturday, January 14th. Doors open 7.30pm Performance 8pm. Tickets £18 in advance.

WHAT better way to wash away the January Blues than with the nations funkiest 10-piece soul band that is Joey The Lips, back for another fast paced, full energy amazing party.

This ten piece band originally formed as a soul outfit, the band has since diversified and whilst Soul is still the staple diet we now describe the show as Funky Soul, Blues & Disco Revue! Today's set is very diverse; from Gimme Some Lovin' (Spencer Davis Group) to Beyonce's Crazy in Love, and from River Deep Mountain High to Queen's Don't Stop Me Now, and the band's storming finale of the B52s' Love Shack, with a heavy metal medley thrown in!

Joey The Lips play live at The Gateway on Saturday, January 21st, doors open 7.30pm.

Tickets £13 in advance available from The Gateway Box Office 01297 625699 open Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm and Sat 10am to 1pm.

Folk stars Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman for Dorset tour

CROWNED winners of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for Best Duo in both 2013 and again in 2016, Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman have long established themselves as one of the UK folk scene's most rewardingly enduring partnerships. Now this spring the duo embark on a four date Dorset tour through Artsreach, the counties arts charity.

Yvonne Gallimore, Artsreach Co Director, said "Working with the support of our partners Blanchards Bailey, it's always exciting to bring a new act to Dorset as part of the Artsreach programme. Given the popularity of folk music in the region, and the national acclaim this duo have, I'm certain tickets are going to be in high demand!"

Whether on stage or in the recording studio, Sean Lakeman is a tour-de-force of modern folk music. The eldest of the 3 'Lakeman Brothers', Sean has played the guitar since the age of six and was recognized at an early age as one of the most promising guitarists around. Sean has famously orchestrated the sound of his younger brother 'Seth', producing his most successful albums and scooping many awards. As well as producing all four Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman albums his production credits include some of the biggest names in British folk and folk-rock, including Levellers, Seth Lakeman, Frank Turner, Billy Bragg, Imelda May, Bellowhead, Rev Hammer and Show of Hands.

A lauded singer, one of the finest of her genera-



tion, Kathryn is held in the highest regard by peers and music fans alike. An early duo career with Kate Rusby led to much critical acclaim and an award-winning album, along with Kathryn being the first singer to win the revered BBC Young Tradition award. Many years fronting folk-pop band Equation band saw Kathryn grace exotic stages all over the world.

Four acclaimed albums and a 'Best Duo' award at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards followed their return to their English folk roots scene, and has helped them cement a formidable reputation at the very forefront of British contemporary folk music.

The duo play at the Comrades Hall, Broadwindsor on Saturday, January 14th at 7.30pm (call 01308 867644 for more details), and Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall on Sunday, January 15th at 4pm (013000 348247).

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Fri: 15.15, 18.15, 21.00

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Why Him? ¹⁵

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Fri-Sat: 11.20, 14.30, 17.30,

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Fri-Sat: 12.30, 15.15, 18.00

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Fire In The North Sky comes to Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall on Saturday, January 28th at 7.30pm. The show is suitable for ages 12+.

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LYME REGIS: The Christmas Art Exhibition is a festive show of recent 2D and 3D work by local artists who are members of Town Mill Arts. It is full of inspiring and enticing paintings, sculptures, drawings, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books, ideal for that special Christmas present. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU www.townmillarts.co.uk

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21ST

EYPE, BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society meeting at Highlands End Leisure Centre. A Musical Celebration of the Christmas Season with speaker Sarah Deere-Jones. 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

DORCHESTER: HMP Dorchester Reunion at the Trinity Club, 7pm til midnight. Live music, disco, raffle and buffet. All former employees welcome. Tickets available on a first come first served basis and are £5 per head, payable in advance. For more details and tickets please email dorchesterprisonreunion@yahoo.com

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road holding a special Christmas coffee pop in. Do come along and enjoy Christmas festivities and a very warm welcome. Anytime between 9.30am and 12noon.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST

BRIDPORT: 2016 New Year's Eve Disco Party at The Beehive, 9pm to 2am. £5 admission, ROAR. Fancy dress optional. Ticketline 07788 943220. All proceeds to Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

THURSDAY JANUARY 5TH

DORCHESTER: The next meeting of the West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when Tony Tester will give a talk on Uganda Conservation. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information.

FRIDAY JANUARY 6TH

WEYMOUTH: Charity Jazz Night for the British Legion. Royal Dorset Yacht Club, 11 Custom House Quay, Weymouth. 8.30 - 11:00pm. Tickets £10 available on the night or in advance from the yacht club or by calling on Jenny on 07854 500 839. No need to be member to attend!

BRIDPORT: Celebrate Twelfth Night with entertainment from Tinker's Cuss Band and the Symonds-bury Mummings at Bridport Town Hall, from 7.30pm. In aid of Bridport Millennium Green. Tickets £7 (members £6) to include seasonal food and drink, from Sue Wilkinson, 01308 425037.

SATURDAY JANUARY 7TH

BRIDPORT: Ceilidhs starts the New Year with a bang - and The Chris Toyne Band plus caller Gill Spence. Forget the Christmas pies, get out the dance shoes and come along to Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, DT6 3NW. Bring and Share finger food supper, with some soft drinks provided; bring your own beer/wine and make a party of it. Doors open 7.15 for 7.30 - 11pm dance. Tickets £9 on the door, but cheaper in advance at £8 from "The Music Shop", South Street, "The Lime Tree" Deli, West Street, or online; or book by phone on 01308 423 442 or email monty3dayslate@yahoo.co.uk. See the website for more details and how to buy online: www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

MONDAY JANUARY 9TH

BEAMINSTER: Moviola presents 'Absolutely Fabulous the movie' at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton (01308 862715) weekdays 9.30-12.30, and Saturdays 9.30-1pm. Or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, or £5.50 on the door.

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BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club meets at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with club callers and recorded music and frequently on last Mondays of the month live music with guest callers. No partner or previous experience required. Membership available giving admission at £2.50, otherwise £3.00. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442. (Also on 16th, and 23rd)

SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH

BRIDPORT: Allington Strings New Year Concert at 3pm at Sir John Colfox Academy, Ridgeway. Arturo Serna conducts the Allington Strings in a programme of light classical favourites including Pachelbel's Canon, Bach's Double Violin Concerto, Mozart's Divertimento no 2, Mendelssohn's Sinfonia No1, Gershwin's Love Walked In and Percy Grainger's Mock Morris. Tickets £10 (under 18's free) available on the door or in advance from Bridport Music.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Story of Sutton Hoo Ship Burial' speaker Mark Cottle. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

THURSDAY JANUARY 19TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Chris Ireland-Jones on 'Bulbs for All Seasons'.

MONDAY JANUARY 23RD

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biondanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biondanza-bridport.co.uk

SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH

WOOTTON FITZPAINE: Nick Hennessey and Suunta - Fire in the North Sky. At Wootton Village Hall, 7.30pm. Suitable for ages 12+. Tickets £9, under 18 £7, family £28. Self service box office at the Charmouth Practice, info 01297 560872.

MONDAY JANUARY 30TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club's last Monday of the month, with Chris Toyne providing their music, at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club. No partner or previous experience required. Entry £4 on guest band nights. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

BRIDPORT: Bridport Library are starting a 'Reminiscence' group once a month. Join us for reminiscence, chat and company at Bridport Library. 2-3pm.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH - SATURDAY 18TH
BUCKLAND NEWTON: Piddle Valley Players proudly presents Guys and Dolls, at Buckland Newton Village Hall, 7pm. £10 including refreshments. Tickets from Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Netwon and Piddletrenthide Post Office from January.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Glasgow Girls' speaker Jennie Spiers. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

OUR NEW SHOWBIZ COLUMN

All the right lines but not necessarily in the right order!

I've spent much of the last few weeks desperately trying to learn my lines for the imminent pantomime, which I'm part of in Axminster in January.

I haven't got very many, but my rapidly aging brain seems increasingly unable to memorise even the simplest of phrases.

Former X Factor finalist-turned television presenter Stacey Solomon has faced a media storm this week after suffering from the same affliction and actually ending onstage for her first performance of Dick Whittington in Milton Keynes with a clipboard.

I have performed with many local legends, some of which have, at times vir-

tually rewritten parts of shows, by missing out huge swathes of the dialogue, thus leaving other cast member mystified as to how to save the story. The great Bill Street (of Lyme Regis Pantomime fame), before his retirement from the stage, was a master at performing all of the right lines, but not necessarily in the right order.

I witnessed a plethora of professional pantomime masters this week when I attended the gala opening night of Cinderella at the London Palladium. The mayhem maestros included Paul O'Grady, Amanda Holden, Julian Clary and Lee Mead in the fabulously festive show, which cleverly entwined musical theatre references and big budget effects, while keeping the essence of a village pantomime.

The number of celebrities in the auditorium equally matched the number of stars on stage. It's always nice to see a few famous faces, but you do become a bit blasé, when the same ones turn up to everything (Christopher Biggins and Gaby Roslin would probably attend the opening of an envelope!).

There are still some who I feel excited about meeting and I was thrilled to be sitting behind the Krankies, with Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber just a little way in front. There are few celebrities these days that I would be genuinely impressed by, although if I were to meet someone like Barbara Streisand I'd probably go a bit gaga.

I also find the different levels of celebrity really interesting. For example, I've met Brain May on a number of occasions, but many of my colleagues in Lyme Regis don't recognise the legendary Queen guitarist, yet ask them about Georgie Shore and they could probably give you a full biography of the various cast members.



Julian Clary (left) and Nigel Havers in panto mode at The Palladium

I often get invited to interview people and have no idea who they are, particularly if they have gained fame through reality TV or soap operas. I tend to tell them to imagine I don't know anything about them (which of course, I don't!) and ask them to talk about themselves for the benefit of our readers. Most aspiring celebs are more than happy to regale you with their life history, no matter how dull, unfortunately. In London you tend to meet famous people even when you don't mean to. In fact, I once got a kiss from comedian Peter Kaye as I was wondering through Leicester Square.

I also got chatting to an adorable young lad at a bar in Shepherd's Bush last year and when he told me his name was Jake Bugg, it didn't ring a bell, but apparently he's a rock star!

The opening of Simon Callow's version of A Christmas Carol was an equally starry event and the stage stalwart showed none of the memory problems, with which I'm tormented; recounting the entire Dickens' classic, while depicting all of the characters in an astonishingly adept solo performance.

I get given lots of 'plus ones' to big shows and I've got a few good friends in London, who I know I can trust to behave appropriately at big glitzy celeb filled events.

Most of the time I'm accompanied by my best buddy, former Uplymer Jon White (who came with me to the Palladium this week), but he was busy on Thursday, so my friend Richard Hadfield (formerly of Britain's Got Talent Colabro fame) tagged along to see A Christmas Carol. It's always weird when you're with a celeb, whether it's just meeting

them for a coffee or at a big event, as they often have to become a completely different person when faced with hoards of fans wanting selfies and autographs.

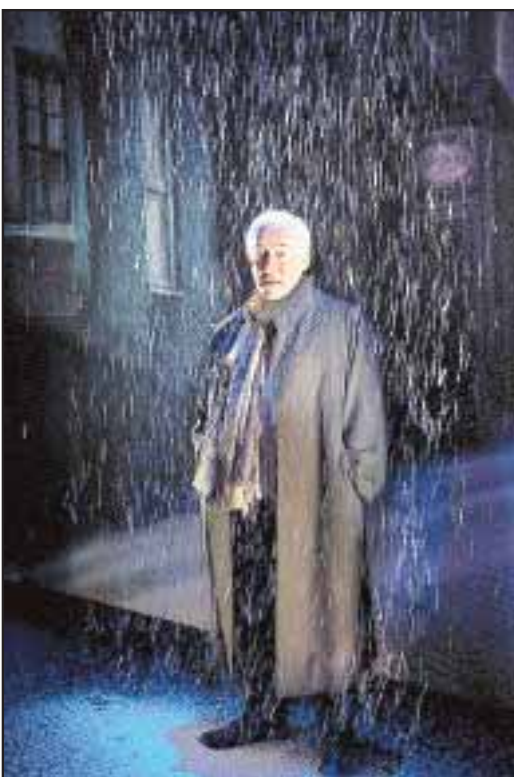
It can be a really intimidating experience, although it does earn big brownie points from the PR companies when you turn up with a famous face, because it makes their opening night photos more likely to appear the papers.

Due to my Christmas deadlines, I'm missing the next few pantomime rehearsals and a sense of impending doom is gradually filtering into my psyche. If you would be interested in watching my latest local stage foray, tickets for Robinson Crusoe at the Guildhall, Axminster (January 19th-21st) are available from the Archway bookshop from December 28th.

To take my mind off the panic, I'm going to see the incomparable Joe Stilgoe (pianist extraordinaire and son of famed lyricist and entertainer Sir Richard Stilgoe) at the Lyric, Hammer-smith before catching up on the musicals Rent and Dreamgirls, both of which I have missed the press performances of, but as I'm now established, I'm able to request tickets for pretty much whenever I like!

You can read all my reviews and interviews on our websites london-newsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland

► Next week I will be reviewing my favourite shows from 2016 and ones to look out for in 2017.



"Astonishingly adept" - Simon Callow in his version of the Dickens' classic, A Christmas Carol

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Property View

5 TIPS FOR BETTER STORAGE

By Julia Gray, Press Association

1. One room where storage is essential is the bedroom, and while many of us dream of a walk-in wardrobe, most homes don't have space for one. The next best thing is built-in wardrobes, as they provide acres of space and are a more flexible storage solution than freestanding wardrobes. Fitted storage is particularly useful in awkwardly shaped rooms, such as loft bedrooms, where built-in wardrobes can make the most of the space, especially in the eaves. They are usually made to measure, so all the available space is used, and the interiors can be customised with drawers, shelves and hanging rails, etc, depending on your needs. The main downside is the price - fitted wardrobes typically cost thousands of pounds from a specialist company, although a carpenter will often make them for a lot less.



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2. If your bedroom already has fitted wardrobes but the doors belong to another decade, simply replace them with more up-to-date ones (as long as the wardrobe interiors are fine). It's easy to get standard-sized or made-to-measure replacement wardrobe doors, especially online, giving you a great new look for a fraction of the price of new wardrobes. Alternatively, get a carpenter to make new doors for you.

3. In the kitchen, lack of storage can drive you to distraction. A larder is ideal, but may not be an option in a small kitchen, where it's really important to have clever storage and a well-designed layout. Kitchen showrooms and DIY stores can offer ingenious ways of making more of the space, including pull-out work-tops, pull-out shelves/racks in larder units, carousels so you can easily access the back of corner units, and tall wall units that provide extra storage in kitchens with higher ceilings.



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4. Away from the kitchen, there's potential to create storage space all over the home. Ideas include turning an understairs space into a cupboard, window seats with built-in storage, stairs that contain drawers, a vanity unit for extra bathroom storage, and built-in bookshelves and cupboards in alcoves; even a desk. With a bespoke home office, the space can be made for your computer, printer, files and more.

5. Some of the best storage is, of course, your home's loft. If you need to access it often, fitting a large loft hatch with a built-in ladder will make it much easier. You'll also need to board the loft (if it's not already boarded) before storing things up there. Use sheets of chipboard, or chipboard loft boards, which slot together. 'Soft' insulation (in rolls), such as mineral wool, shouldn't be compressed, though, so use loft legs to raise the floor level above the insulation - the recommended depth for mineral wool is 27cm. Another option is to lay rolls of insulation between the joists, but rigid insulation over them and chipboard on top - some rigid insulation has a chipboard top layer.

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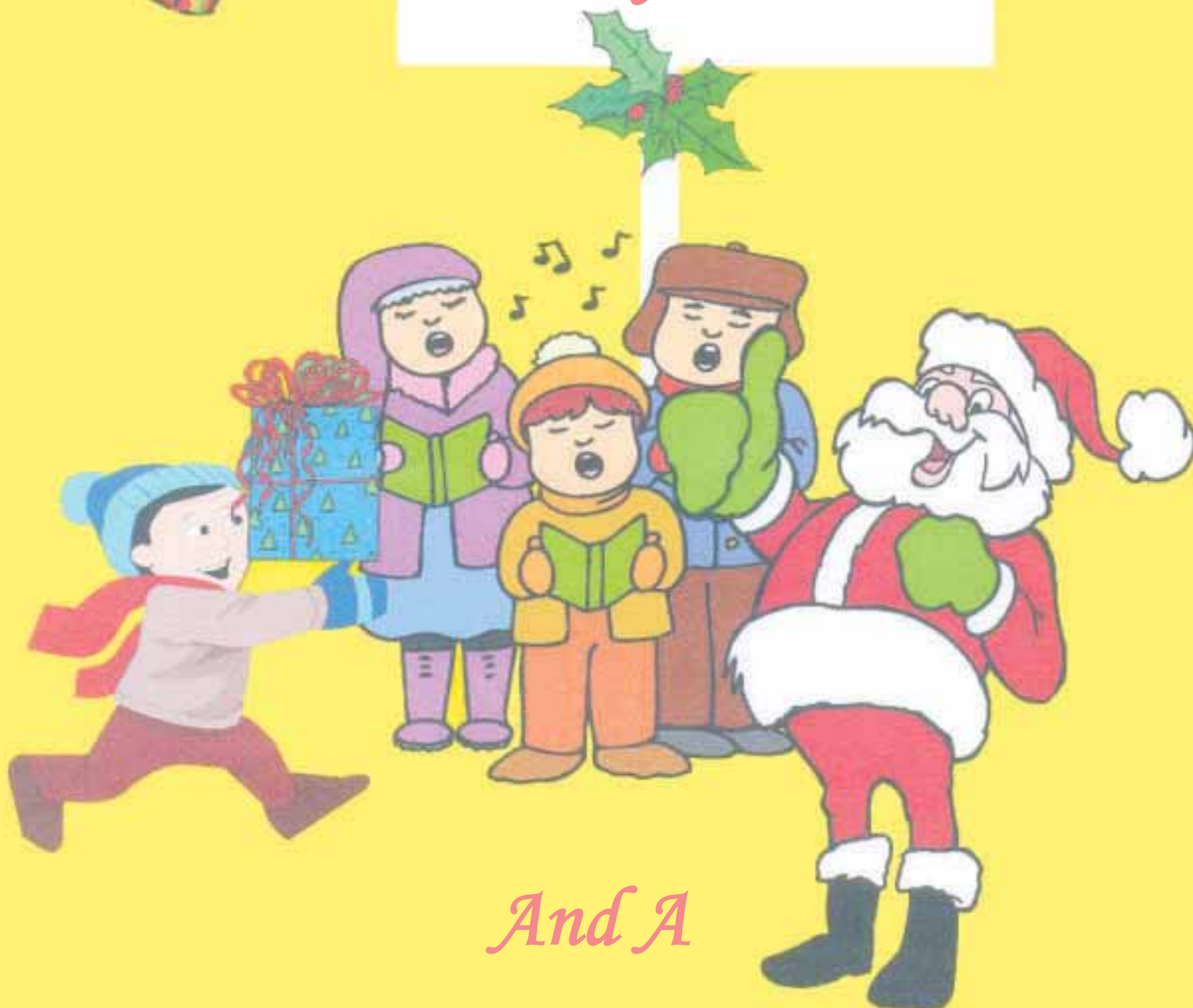


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With more than 3.6 million examples sold globally since the first-generation C3 was launched in 2002, including 200,000 in the UK alone, Citroën has renewed its best-selling model. Optimistic, human and smart, New C3 is everything you would expect from the Citroën brand. It is colourful, stylish, brimming with new technologies, supremely comfortable and boasts a bold, fun-loving personality.

Bold exterior design

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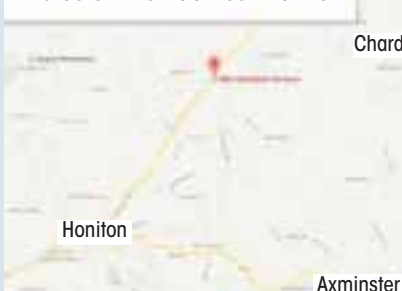
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As they stand

Dorset Football

Jermyn and Crittenden in shock resignation

Evo-Stik Premier South (46)	Pld	Pts
Leamington	25	56
Slough Town	23	49
Chippenham Town	24	48
Merthyr Town	26	46
Hitchin Town	25	46
Frome Town	25	42
Redditch Utd	27	41
Farnley Utd	24	40
Chesham Utd	21	36
Kettering Town	25	36
Dunstable Town	25	36
Biggleswade Town	23	32
King's Lynn Town	22	30
DORCHESTER TOWN	26	30
Basingstoke Town	25	30
St Ives Town	24	30
Stratford Town	24	28
WEYMOUTH	20	25
Kings Langley	24	24
Dorchester Town	23	23
St Neots Town	23	23
Hayes & Yeading Town	24	21
Cambridge City	25	18
Cinderford Town	24	11

Wessex Premier (42)	Pld	Pts
Moneyfields	25	57
AFC Portchester	24	47
Blackfield & Langley	23	45
Sholing	23	45
PORTLAND UTD	23	44
Brookhurst	23	38
Team Solent	22	37
Horndean	22	35
Alresford Town	20	33
Newport IOW	23	32
Amesbury Town	23	30
Bashley	23	29
St Leonards	22	29
Hamworthy Utd	23	25
Bernerton Heath Harl'	18	24
Andover Town	21	24
Bournemouth	22	23
Whitchurch Utd	22	20
Fawley	23	19
Fareham Town	23	19
Verwood Town	24	17
Cowes Sports	22	16

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	Pts
BAF SPORTS	19	40
Holt Utd	16	40
Swanage & Herston	17	39
Hamworthy Recreation	18	35*
Westland Sports	19	33
DORCHESTER SPORTS	17	32
Perley Sports Res	15	26
Gillham Town Res	16	25
Merley Cobham Sports	13	24
BRIDPORT RESERVES	19	23
Blanford Utd	17	23
Sturminster Newton Utd	16	17
Wareham Rangers	16	15
More Town	16	14
Hamworthy Utd Reserves	18	11
Sherborne Town Reserves	17	8
Cranborne	18	3

Dorset Senior League (26)	Pld	Pts
Witchampton Utd	13	29
Milborne Port	15	25
DORCHESTER SP RES	10	24
Allendale	12	21
Corfe Mullen Utd	13	19
Shaftesbury Town Res	17	18
PORTLAND UTD RES	12	17
Wincanton Town Res	12	16
CHICKRELL UTD	12	14
Piddlehithe Utd	11	13*
Poole Borough	12	13
Boscombe Polonia	10	12
Blanford Utd Res	12	5
Westlands Sports Res	8	1

Dorset League Div 1 (26)	Pld	Pts
AFC Blanford	11	26
Broadstone	12	25
St Leonards Reserves	11	23
Corfe Castle	11	23
Wareham Rangers Res	9	19
Canford Utd	13	18
Canolf & Winfrith	13	16
Tisbury	9	13
CHICKRELL SPORTS RES	12	12
Parley Sports Res	11	12
WEYMOUTH A	12	12
Swanage & Herston Res	10	10
PORTLAND UTD YOUTH	9	7*
PORTLAND TOWN	8	1

Dorset League Div 2 (22)	Pld	Pts
Piddlehithe Utd	12	29
Allendale Reserves	11	27
Broadmayne	13	25
Madden Newton & Catt	11	22
St Leonards Utd Res	10	16
PORTSHAM UTD	12	16
Owermeigne	11	16
Stalbridge	8	13
Broadstone Res	12	10
CHICKRELL UTD RES	11	6
Milborne Port Res	8	4
PORTLAND TOWN RES	9	1

Dorset League Div 3 (22)	Pld	Pts
Sturminster Marshall	13	34
Oxford Utd	13	29
South Cheriton Utd	13	20
Bladford A	12	20
Marnhull	12	17
AFC Blanford Res	14	17
Donhead Utd	12	16
PORTLAND TOWN A	13	16
Pimpe Sports Society	14	14
Handley Sports	11	13
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	12	10
Wool & Winfrith Res	12	9

Dorset Div Four (22)	Pld	Pts
Swanage RBL	12	31
CHICKRELL UTD A	12	28
BRIDPORT A	9	23
PORTLAND TOWN B	12	19
Corfe Castle Res	10	16
Lytchett & Upton RT	11	14
Marnhull Res	8	12*
PORTSHAM UTD RES	12	11
Shillingstone	7	7
Crossways Spitfires	12	7
Wool & Winfrith A	6	2*
Wincanton Town A	9	2*

DORCHESTER Town were rocked by the shock resignation of manager Mark Jermyn and his assistant Nick Crittenden following Boxing Day's derby against Weymouth at The Avenue writes Stuart Broom.

The pair told the player's on their way home from Kings Lynn last Saturday following the Magpies 3-3 draw, and a statement was released on the club website later that evening.

The statement read: "It is with the utmost sadness that the board of directors of Dorchester Town FC announce the resignation of Mark Jermyn as manager of the club.

Mark's last match in charge will be the home southern league game against Weymouth on Boxing Day. The board respects Mark's decision and totally understands his reasons.

Since he made his debut as a player against Worcester City on 8th October 2000, Mark has represented the club with distinction. Reaching 700 appearances is a feat that very few players will achieve in this day and age.

He has always been a winner and will be remembered for his leadership, courage and determination, on numerous occasions playing on whilst in considerable pain for the benefit of the team. His entire playing career has been dedicated to Dorchester Town FC.

Upon returning to the club two years ago, as player manager Mark lead from the front installing energy and enthusiasm lifting a relegation threatened team into a position of safety.

The club wishes Mark, Carly, Jasper and Hugo all the best for the future.

Nick Crittenden (Assistant Manager) has also confirmed he will be leaving the club at the same time, and the board would like to thank him for his service over the years both as a player and in a coaching capacity.

Applicants welcome

The recruitment process for a successor will start immediately and prospective applicants should contact the club Chairman Matt Lucas at: chairman@dorchester-townfc.com

No official reason for the decision has been given by either the club or the Jermyn, but it follows a meeting between the manager and the board earlier last week, whilst Crittenden felt that it was also the right time for him to also leave the club.

It is a well known fact that the Magpies budget is one of the smallest in the league, and that whilst both knew that money was tight and restricted their options on which players they could attract to the club, both were highly motivated to succeed.

However recent strong rumours suggested that another pruning of resources were imminent which is perhaps what has prompted Jermyn's decision.

He is due to make a full statement later this week, which will be published on our website when available.

Both men are expected to take time out from football, both citing a chance to spend more time with their families; Jem has two very young children including Hugo who is just three months old, whilst Critts has seven-year old triplet boys.

It is not known at present whether either will continue to manage or play in any capacity.

Jermyn (35) who reached a milestone 700th game for the Magpies has been with the club for 16 years, whilst Crittenden (38) arrived at The Avenue nine years ago.

Magpies fight back
Kings Lynn 3 Dorchester Town 3

EvoStik South Premier - att; 568
AFTER taking an early lead, Dorchester found themselves 3-1 down with a quarter of an hour to go, but fought back to salvage a point at Kings Lynn on Saturday.

They got off to the best of starts when Tom Blair stroked the ball home having been put through by Lewis Morgan.

They held the lead until four minutes before the break when Ryan Fryatt headed home Michael Clunan's free kick at the far post.

The fog that affected many games around the country got thicker as the Linnetts took control to score twice following halftime; Clunan the first after breaking through the Magpies defence, and then Fryatt, at the far post, scoring his second.

The fog was now becoming a real problem and the referee consulted both teams before continuing but with the Linnetts hoping to take three points, and the Magpies no doubt hoping to prevent a second trip to Norfolk for the replay, agreed to play on which proved profitable for Dorchester.

On 75 minutes captain Jake Smeeton ploughed through the gloom to fire home a cracker from the edge of the box before sub David Gerrard salvaged a deserved point by striking the equaliser five minutes later when he fired under keeper Alex Street.

Unfortunately, the the Magpies were reduced to 10 men when Matt Oldring was dismissed for a second yellow card, but Dorchester held out.

It was perhaps fitting in the circumstances that the whole side produced the kind of courageous, hard working performance that Jermyn and Crittenden have instilled in their team all season.

Sloppy goal turns Jem's night sour

DORCHESTER TOWN 1 ST IVES 1
Evo-Stik South Premier - att; 168
IT looked like Mark Jermyn's milestone appearance would be celebrated with three valuable points as he prepared to make a late substitute's entrance to shore up his defence and protect their fragile lead.

However, as he stood on the touchline waiting for a break in play he watched in dismay as Josh Dawkins cut in, and as defenders stood off him, let fly with a 25-yard shot that flew past Magpies keeper Shane Murphy.

It was not the entrance anyone would have hoped for as the player-manager replaced Jason Brooks, and in his post match interview with View Sport, he was more upset with his team's inability to defend their lead, rather than discussing competing in his 700th game for the Magpies.

"I honestly couldn't see how we were going to lose that game. In the first half we defended solidly and didn't create too much up top, so we reshuffled the pack. We put Nathan (Walker) up front which spreads the play a bit better, scored, and were cruising.

"Unfortunately as we made the second substitution we found that two of our players were injured which we didn't know about, and before I could get on, we got caught out.

"At the other end their keeper pulled off umpteen saves to keep them in the game, so it's very frustrating."

It was a scrappy first half and it wasn't until the 18th minute that either side had a shot, but Ollie Bassest's effort was high and wide.

The best opportunity of the first half fell to David Gerrard but Saints keeper Tim Trebes rushed off his line to block at point blank range.

Jermyn switched Walker from defensive duties into attack at the start of the

second half, with Joe Lea also replacing Gerrard.

The change worked as the Magpies opened the scoring on 54 minutes.

Walker's header from Blair's cross had Trebes leaping spectacularly to his left to push the ball aside but the ball was recycled, another Walker header this time from Jason Brookes' cross, had the Saints keeper diving to palm over the angle for a corner.

But it was third time lucky for the Magpies however, for when Blair headed on Bassest's corner at the near post, Saints Liam McDevitt could only turn the ball into the roof of his own net.

Almost straight from the restart St Ives should have equalised when the Dorchester defence allowed Jared Cunliffe to run at them before squaring to Dawkins. His shot beat the stranded Shane Murphy, but fortunately Brookes had recovered his ground to clear off the line.

Blair, breaking with Wood and Bassest free on either side, chose the wrong option, whilst efforts from Lewis Morgan and Blair went close and although St Ives were now finding chances on the break, it looked a likely home win.

However the Saints salvaged a point as Dawkins pounced as the Dorchester defence retreated allowing him space for a shot.

Jermyn might have made it a "Roy of the Rovers" finish a minute after coming on but his 25-yard effort cleared the crossbar.

As Dorchester stormed the Saints' goal in added time Trebes produced some inspired saves to earn his side a point and spoil Jermyn's party.

Jermyn was looking for, and confident of reaching 30 points before the end of the year.

With two tricky games coming up away to Kings Lynn and the derby game with Weymouth on Boxing Day, he had hoped to have reached that target, and was critical of his players for not getting the win they deserved.

"Regardless of the occasion for me, the players not only let themselves down, but the supporters too. It was two points lost; no doubt about it!

"They should have managed the game better, towards the end and just didn't work hard enough and as a result we've heaped pressure on ourselves with two difficult games coming up."

"It's our season in a nutshell. We're not clinical enough in front of goal because we don't have a recognised goalscorer, and we're making mistakes at the other end.

On reaching the milestone he said: "It's been my privilege to have played for the club for this long, the highs have definitely outweighed the lows."

Terras drop more points

WEYMOUTH 1 ST IVES TOWN 1
EvoStik Premier South - att; 457
WEYMOUTH'S poor home league form continued on Saturday as they failed to beat St Ives, who returned to Cambridgeshire having secured a second point in four days having also held Dorchester to a draw at The Avenue.

The Terras have only won four from 10 home league games and appear unable to replicate the form they have shown in both the FA Cup and Vase, and on Saturday failed to capitalise on taking the lead by conceding an equaliser within a minute.

In a tepid start for both sides, Weymouth's new keeper Tom McHale on loan from Truro City, was forced into a save low down to gather Tom McGowan's shot.

Dubi Ogbonna spurned the best



◆ A HUGE LOSS: Mark Jermyn and Nick Crittenden who have announced their resignation. Photo by PHIL STANDFIELD

chance of the first half when after collecting Danny Kelly's through ball, he rounded McHale but Calvin Brooks was on hand to clear.

The second half looked to be following the first with little finesse on either side, but on 54 minutes when Stuart Fleetwood met Copp's with a stooping header at the far post to give Weymouth the lead.

But less than a minute later the Saints were level. McGowan cleverly held the ball up before playing in Josh Dawkins who had soured Mark Jermyn's 700th game for Dorchester four days earlier, by again levelling the scores. He kept his cool and made McHale commit himself before slotting the ball home.

The visitors had a big shout for a penalty soon after, claiming Dean Evans handled Kelly's header from a corner, but ref Lee Rutter rejected their claims.

Weymouth sent on both Conor Jevons and Sam Jordan to try and find the winning goal but there was no way through as keeper Tim Trebes defied them just as he had done at The Avenue, to claim his side a point.

Gallant Trophy run ends

WEYMOUTH 1 WHITEHAWKS 2
WEYMOUTH'S FA Trophy run came to an end at the Bob Lucas Stadium last Tuesday when they had to concede to higher opposition Whitehawks.

The Terras had taken a first half lead, but the Brighton-based club struck back twice after the break to earn a home tie against Dulwich Hamlet in the next round.

The visitors had the first shot on goal when Glen Southam's 20-yard shot struck the side netting, whilst at the other end player-manager Paul Reid, now in sole charge after joint manager Ben Stevens joined Eastleigh over the weekend, had to clear his lines after keeper Ross Flitney had been beaten.

Both sides traded shots without any real danger until Ben Thomson was felled by two defenders as he looked to go between them, and referee Gary Parsons immediately pointed to the spot.

Charlie Davis, in the absence of regular penalty taker Chris Shepherd who was sidelined with illness, stepped up, and although Flitney got a hand to it, could not stop him giving the Terras the lead.

Reece Connolly had a great opportunity to level almost immediately, but scuffed his shot straight at Jason Matthews from close range.

It didn't take Hawks long after the restart to level the tie however; Ramon Aldavert heading home from a corner four minutes in.

The game was then nip-and-tuck until ten minutes from time when Stephan Zubar, who had already been booked,

brought Danny Mills down right on the edge of the box. Ref Parsons immediately reached for his red card to dismiss Zubar.

From the resulting free kick Dan Harding curled the ball beyond Matthews into the corner to give the Hawks a lead they comfortably held until the final whistle.

Blues battle for victory

ANDOVER TOWN 1 PORTLAND UNITED 2
Sydenhams Wessex Premier - att; 109
PORTLAND United survived an incident-packed game at The Portway Stadium on Saturday having been reduced to 10 men after half an hour and conceding two penalties.

Portland had weathered early Andover pressure during which keeper Sean Lillington pushed Reece Rusher's header on to the post, before taking the lead on 13 minutes when Ryan McKechnie jinked into the penalty area before sidestepping two defenders before and slotting the ball past home keeper Lloyd Thomas.

Then on the half hour Jamie Beasley was dismissed for what appeared an off the ball altercation with an opponent after the ball had gone out for a throw in.

Soon after this the hosts were awarded a penalty when McKechnie was deemed to have brought down Craig Blackman inside the box, despite appeals that the tackle was clean. However Liam Gilbert's spot kick was too near to Lillington who saved with his legs.

The second half saw the Blues under more pressure which saw Javier Santafe-Vivo shot deflected on to the bar and the unlucky Rusher strike the upright.

However, just after the hour they finally equalised courtesy of another penalty - this time converted by Santafe-Vivo, after Lillington was adjudged to have brought down an opponent as he scooped the ball back off the goal line, for which he received a caution.

Despite being a man light Portland remained in the game and Tom Richardson had an effort disallowed for offside, before sub Tom Brawish missed a glorious opportunity, heading Richardson's cross straight at Thomas.

But their resolve was rewarded in the 73rd minute when Richardson made room before firing across Thomas into the corner of the net for the winner.

Manager Gary Bailey praised his side who celebrated their first victory in six games.

"It was a magnificent effort from all the team. It consolidates us in the top five and gives us all to play for in the second half of the season."

Lyme Regis Golf

Rod top with fine 40

THE third round of the Winter League was a close run thing with Craig McGown and Geoff Filtness both scoring 39 points.

McGown had the steadier round scoring 19 on the first nine and 20 on the second which included par on the tricky 16th and a birdie on the last hole.

Filtness, by contrast had a brilliant front nine of 21 points, which included an all important two on the eighth, but a back nine of 18 meant he came second on countback.

Chris Brice had an excellent, if slightly erratic back nine to finish third with 38 points.

It was also good to see David Lock, returning back after an enforced lay off, scoring 37 points to be up there challenging, but just off the podium.

The rearranged day for the Seniors' Stableford was lashed with some Christmas arrangements but that didn't stop Rod Hansford scoring a brilliant 40 points, based on some consistent scoring after a blob on the first, to be the only one to finish better than par and win comfortably.

Gareth Vaughan just shaded out Jim Kerr for second place on countback both with 34.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Roy's Robbers	9	17
BSC	9	13
Nomads	9	13
Well Hung Clocks	8	11
Five Sticky Fingers	9	10
Hands of Time	9	8
Nags Head A	9	5
Noth'n But Treble	9	5
Les Miserables	8	5
Rubber Johns	9	1

180s: Tony Young & Terry Prowse x5, Nigel Lamb x4, Steve Garrett & Ryan Cross x3, six players x2, nine players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	9	15
One for the Vikings	9	13
The Stingers	9	12
Odds or Us	9	12
Respect-de-Bull	8	10
Elders	9	9
Dat Team	9	5
Otter Rotters	9	4
No Direction	8	4
Anchor Five	9	4

180s: Ashley Parker, Shane Parker, Dan Rawlings, Andy Reid & Stuart Alner all x2, 10 players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	9	17
Poachers	9	15
Dart Vaders	9	12
The Surgeons	9	10
Midnight Runners	9	8
Anchor Vale Viewers	9	8
Tricky Bees	9	7
Flashes Fives	9	6

Lyme Regis Cribbage

Results (December 12th): New Inn Kilm A p Talbot Arms p, Nags Head 2 Gerrard Arms 3, Charlie's Angels 3 Lamb Swans 2, Stepps 4 New Inn Kilm B, 1, Ship Inn LR 3 Ax Con Club 2.

Table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	13	41
Gerrard Arms	13	35
Ship Inn, LR	13	33
Axminster Con Club	13	33
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	11	32
New Inn Kilm A	12	32
Stepps	13	31
Charlie's Angels	13	30
Lamb Swans	13	30
Dolphin, Beer	12	29
New Inn Kilm B	12	19

Bridport Crib

Table	Pd	Pts	BL
Anchor Inn	7	61	11
Durbeyfield	7	61	10
George, WBay	7	49	12
H & Anchor B	7	49	7
Crown Inn B	6	46	8
Oddfellows	7	45	8
Crown Inn A	6	44	9
H & Anchor A	6	44	7
Ilchester Arms	5	36	9

Lyme darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head A	7	14
Clackdoodle	9	12
Rousdon Club	6	12
Royal Standard	7	10
Hunters Lodge	7	8
Talbot Arms	6	8
Rock Point A	4	8
Four Play	8	7
Nags Z	7	5
Cobb Arms	8	4
Half an Octopus	9	2
Janners	8	2
See you Next Thurs	6	0

180s: T.Prowse 3, B.Grainger 2, seven players x1.

Bridport FC

Bees made to pay for slow start

Bridport Reserves 1 Swanage Town & Herston 3 Dorset Premier League

BRIDPORT Reserves were made to pay for a slow start against the high-flying Swans.

Seventeen-year-old Cameron Beard, who is having trials with AFC Bournemouth this week, showed his potential with less than three minutes on the clock, when he cut in from the left before firing a solid shot just inside the near post.

Swanage continued to dictate proceedings with Bridport's youngsters finding it tough against more powerful opponents.

However, assistant manager Simon Gale showed his experience when playing a neat one-two with Sam Handyside, but then shot straight at the keeper.

The visitors doubled their advantage on 24 minutes when Beard got up highest to thump home a header via the under-

side of the crossbar.

With half time looming Bridport finally began to penetrate the Swans defence. Shaun Pearson fired over whilst Handyside and Callum Middleton both had shots blocked.

Bridport introduced Sol Davis at the break down the right, and with Davy growing in confidence down the left, Bridport looked much more a threat.

They pulled a goal back in the 72nd minute through a Gale header from an acute angle from Davy's corner.

But within a minute they had conceded a third when a poor clearance ran to Paul Best who hammered a close range shot across keeper Kieron Park and into the corner of the net.

Despite losing, Bridport manager Shaun Annetts was not too disappointed. He was without four of his regular squad, and the Swans recently beat the Bees first team and Portland United in the Dorset Se-

nior Cup.

"I know you shouldn't be pleased with a loss, but in the circumstances against a side that are in good form, I came away quite pleased.

"My role is in the club to develop young players and there were some good performances all over the field."

Below par Bees maintain push

BRIDPORT A 2 PORTESHAM UTD RESERVES 0 Dorset Division Four

DESPITE a below par performance from the Bees, they secured another three points.

Both teams started well with both defences having plenty to do.

The Bees started with only two of their recognised back four, but what a plus this was for young Harley Garrett at left back who didn't put a foot

wrong to earn the man of the match award.

Bridport made hard work against their bogey side but goals did come, with Ryhs Hughes-Williams securing a brace, one in each half.

They could have had more with Brandon Scadding having two efforts disallowed, one for offside and the other when the ref called play back for a foul.

But they did ride their luck when a goalmouth scramble saw the visitors hit both the bar and post.

Bridport were generally in command and should have increased their lead after a free kick from Hughes-Williams was palmed away by the keeper, who then blocked Kieran Hawkins' follow-up.

For the Bees, centre backs James Pitcher and James Legg, Billy Fleet standing in for ill keeper Jordan Scadding and the returning Chris Tanner were the pick of the bunch.

Rugby

Puddles edge classic derby clash

Puddletown RFC 10 Dorchester 2nds 5

THIS eagerly awaited local-derby lived up to expectations with a close fought but entertaining match, with both sides playing with commitment in order to take the local bragging rights writes Ray Stephens.

Stalemate ensued during the first half with determined defence at both ends thwarting scoring opportunities with score remaining 0-0 at the break.

On balance The Villagers looked the most dangerous, despite losing a large share of their own put-in at the scrum they edged it in the loose and line-out.

However, an undeterred Dorchester kept knocking the home side back in the tackle and disrupting their play, this led to a speculative pass being intercepted by the County town side's left wing Julian Dale, who showed a clean

pair of heels to go under the posts – only for the referee to call play back for an earlier infringement.

Despite this disappointment, Dorchester re-gained possession and worked their way up the pitch to be rewarded with a well worked try from a scrum with outside centre Matt Fry slicing through for an unconverted score with 15 minutes to go.

Puddletown looked in control and determined to get on the scoresheet with the pressure eventually telling, and a penalty chance taken by Tom Yeatman left the score at 3-5 with 10 minutes remaining.

With tension brewing in a good pre-Christmas crowd, both teams continued their efforts to take the winning spoils.

It was Puddletown who created the most pressure in this final period, culminating in full back Ryan Snook crashing over to



◆ **LOOKING FOR AN OPENING:** Winning try scorer Ryan Snook (left) evades the Dorchester defence.

Photo by CHRIS EDWARDS

score. Tom Yeatman converted taking the score to 10-5.

With a few minutes remaining, Puddletown controlled the game and held on to claim the victory.

Credit for both teams

Both sides deserved to win and it was a real credit to their endeavour on the day and the supporters' applause was equally received.

School sports

Youngsters do battle for hoops

FIFTEEN Bridport and Beaminster area primary schools took part in the annual Hi 5 netball tournaments recently, where on a cool, crisp but sunny day, 150 netballers, well prepared for the con-

ditions battled it out at Beaminster School and The Sir John Colfox Academy.

Sticklands, Evershot and Broadwindsor schools came out on top at Beaminster, whilst



◆ **WINNERS 2016:** Litton Cheney (left) and Lodgers teams at The Sir John Colfox School



◆ **WINNERS 2016:** Stickland (left) and Broadwindsor teams that qualified at Beaminster School

Thorners, Litton Cheney and Lodgers were the top two at TSJCA, and all four will now go on to the West Dorset Primary School finals to be held at

Beaminster School on January 31st.

The winners from that will go to the Dorset School Games on April 3rd.

Skittles news

Lyme Regis

RESULTS w/e Dec 17th.
Ladies: Rollercoasters (+BL) bt Wild Pins (game given), Generations 293 Hot Gossips 328 (+BL), Smashers 329 Wootton Wobblers 333 (+BL), Skittso's 313 (+BL) La Crème 311.
Men's: Marksmen 367 Trappers 307 (+BL), Wreckers 337 (+BL) Flyers 353, Anthill Mob 372 (+BL) Rousdon Rebel 308.

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
No Hoppers	7	14	12
Marksmen	8	14	10
Flyers	8	12	4
Wreckers	8	6	8
Young Guns	7	6	8
Trappers	7	6	4
Anthill Mob	8	4	12
Clueless	7	4	2
Rousdon Rebels	8	2	8

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	6	11	8
President's Men	6	9	8
Miscellaneous	6	9	4
Alleytwits	6	6	8
Tornadoes	6	4	2
British Legion	6	2	4
Shakers	6	1	6

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobblers	7	10	11
Skittso's	6	10	10
Rollercoasters	7	8	10
Hot Gossips	5	6	6
Smashers	7	6	5
Wild Pins	5	6	5
La Crème	6	2	2
Generations	7	2	1

Bridport

CUP Fixtures Mens Pairs (R2)

Wednesday, January 4th
LODERS ARMS - T Cleal & A Way; B Lee & N Lee; C Wilcox & N Wilcox; J Cook & M Symonds; A Paulley & R Frampton; B Chapple & M Barnes; G Brooks & T Luter; S Pitcher & A Cauldwell.

BRIDPORT FC - R Clarke & P Symonds; L Dare & C Barnes; S White & C Wright; D Fox & P Cross; B Seadon & C Taylor; R Herbert & G Herbert; B Churchill & C Churchill; J Peach & D Langridge.

Friday, January 6th
ILCHESTER ARMS - M Huxter & N Gurd; K Groves & R Norman; R Tompkins & H Tompkins; S Gale & L Farnham; P Scott & M Griffiths; C Langdon & F Pomeroy; H Mills & M Horton; A Huxter & N Pye.

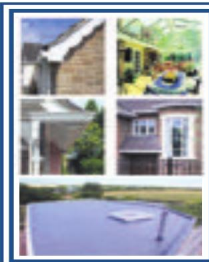
BRADPOLE CLUB - R Pincombe & I Pincombe; E Williams & A Northover; M Gudge & D Gudge; P Cheeseman & C Hopkins; M Hooper & J Symes; E Tuck & D Tuck; M Powell & S Lee; D Cowburn & G Hiatt.

Losers Cup C&D (R2)
Thursday, January 5th
Strawpeodes v Yo Yo's, Alleycats v Pioneers.

Friday, January 6th
Stingers v Pinbashers, NBC v Hidden Talent.

Mixed Pairs (R2)

Tuesday, January 10th
CLOCK - M&N Powell; J Parsons & A Fisher; A Paulley & H Varndell; A&J Huxter; S Tompkins & H Tompkins; N Paulley & J Symes; M Hansford & M Horton; M&C Huxter; D&C Horton.
Wednesday, January 11th
Loders Arms - K&L Groves; M Gudge & S Newman; E&N Tuck; S Gale & N Broad; M&E Hooper; T&S Luter; C Wilcox & T Cornish; S Beal & J Cake.



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INSIDE: Local festive sport round-up

Dorch surge to big derby win

Dorchester 2nds 46 Weymouth & Portl'd 3
Dorset & Wilts Division Two (South)

THIS was the first league meeting between Dorchester and Weymouth first teams for a number of seasons, and a good number of years since Weymouth went into the match as underdogs, but the hosts showed their early season problems were behind them with a dominant performance.

The teams swapped penalties before the hosts took control of the game; a multi-phased attack finished by George Foot's cleverly delayed pass to centre Jamie Morgan who touched down under the posts. Baker added the extras and Dorchester soon extended the lead when Foot found another huge gap in the Weymouth defence.

Dorchester dealt with Weymouth's game plan to concentrate on attacking around the fringes of the rucks and another try from Morgan gave Dorchester a 17 point lead at the break.

Weymouth needed to score next to keep in the game, but it was the home side that dom-

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inated the next quarter. Adam Makepeace crossed for a fourth try, Baker again converting.

Straight from the restart Dorchester launched another attack which ended with Toby Waddington touching down in the corner. Baker missed the conversion but quickly crossed for a try of his own under the posts which he also converted.

Dorchester appeared to take their foot of the gas for the next 10 minutes allowing Weymouth to camp on their line, but despite their best efforts the Seasiders were unable to break through and then conceded a seventh try when Cameron Lynch sprinted in from halfway. Baker converted to complete the scoring.

Dorchester coach Ben Parker commented after the match: "All week we have focused on the strengths in key areas. The game was por-

trayed in the build up as a titanic clash, but I was keen to ensure the players didn't let the occasion run away with them and stayed focused. I felt all 18 players performed very well, if we continue to train hard and maintain our focus we can push for a top three finish."

Seasiders' manager Vaughn Carter said: "It's been a difficult couple of weeks, we always said that consolidation in this division was our primary target after winning promotion from Division Two last season, and it was evident that the experience from playing in the Southern Counties League gave them a big advantage over our youngsters.

"In addition our ever increasing pool of injuries didn't help; we only had five of the squad from the Dorset & Wilts Vase final three weeks ago available; but no excuses - Dorchester deserved to win the game.

"I thought we had the better of the set scrums and our line out play has improved, but in defence we missed too many tackles."

To add to the festive cheer a collection and raffle raised £230 for the Weldmar Hospice.



◆ **GOTCHA:** Weymouth & Portland's Bryn Llewellyn (13) tackles Dorchester's Steve Tucker (8).
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